APPLIED FINANCE CENTRE
Faculty of Business
and Economics

MACQUARIE
University

Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance

Create a course that delivers for you

A PERSONALISED APPROACH

If you are an industry professional with prior studies in business or finance, the Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance offers you a specialised, fast-tracked course at masters level. Select your own program of study (generalist) or choose a pre-determined specialisation in Business Valuation or Retirement Outcomes. You can gain a Master of Applied Finance with a further year of part-time study.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Compulsory units
Portfolio Management and Valuation (4 credit points)
Plus a combination of
Core units and elective units of study for an extra 12 credit points
Total of 16 credit points

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance are two years' full-time equivalent relevant professional work experience and:

- a bachelor degree or recognised equivalent in a business/finance field or
- a bachelor degree or recognised equivalent and a Graduate Certificate in Finance or recognised equivalent.

All applicants for graduate coursework studies at Macquarie University are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English. Visit **mq.edu.au/english-requirements** for more information on English language requirements.

APPLICATION AND TERM COMMENCEMENT DATES

Term	Application closing date	Term commencement date
2, 2018	18 February 2018	26 March 2018
4, 2018	5 August 2018	10 September 2018
2, 2019	17 February 2019	25 March 2019

GENERALIST

You can tailor the generalist Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance to your personal interests and career aspirations. After completing the first compulsory unit in Portfolio Management and Valuation, you can choose to study 12 credit points of your choice.

ADVANCED CORE UNITS (4 CREDIT POINTS):

- Corporate Finance
- Financial Instruments
- Financial Risk Management

ELECTIVE UNITS (2 CREDIT POINTS):

- Advanced Valuation for Corporate Finance
- Alternative Assets/Hedge Funds
- Applied Business Valuation
- Applied Portfolio Management
- Capital Allocation Strategies
- Corporate Financial Strategy
- Corporate Treasury Management
- Debt Capital Markets
- Derivatives Valuation
- Economics of Financial Markets
- Individual Research Project A
- Infrastructure and Property
- Investment and Credit Analysis
- Investment Banking
- Lending and Borrowing Decisions
- Life Cycle Investing
- Private Equity Investment
- Private Wealth Management
- Project Finance
- Resource Industry Investment Analysis
- Risk and Portfolio Construction
- Strategic Bank Management

"I decided to study the Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance at Macquarie Applied Finance Centre for its excellent reputation and international recognition. The course is very relevant to industry and it offers a practical component which is something that employers value."

Hannah Shariff
GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF APPLIED FINANCE
CURRENT STUDENT
PROPERTY ANALYST, JGS PROPERTY

The Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance specialising in Business Valuation is a course for professionals wanting to develop their applied valuation skills in professional services and other specialist firms, project evaluation and equity or investment banking analysis. Whether you are valuing a potential acquisition target or a private company, or undertaking an impairment review, this course will equip you with the expertise to carry out a full range of valuation tasks.

Business Valuation

BENEFITS

- Provides a holistic approach to understanding the challenges facing valuation professionals.
- Develops your understanding of the decision-making applications of valuations.
- Offers real-world insights from valuation professionals who deliver the course.
- Builds your network of fellow professionals.
- Provides access to S&P Capital IQ and @RISK software throughout the course.
- Offers the support of a dedicated advisory panel of senior industry professionals.
- Articulates to the industry-leading Master of Applied Finance.
- Meets the educational requirements for Pathway 1 of the Business Valuation Specialisation of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance specialising in Business Valuation equips you for roles where valuation is an important core skill requiring valuation expertise. These roles include:

- equity analyst
- investment banking analyst
- project evaluation and business development analyst
- valuation analyst.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Compulsory units
Advanced Valuation for Corporate Finance (2 credit points)
Applied Business Valuation (2 credit points)
Corporate Finance (4 credit points)
Investment and Credit Analysis (2 credit points)
Portfolio Management and Valuation (4 credit points)
One unit from
Capital Allocation Strategies (2 credit points)
Private Equity Investment (2 credit points)
Resource Industry Investment Analysis (2 credit points)
Total of 16 credit points

Advisory group

The advisory group for this course comprises industry leaders who co-designed the course based on future industry needs. Our students benefit from this group's valuable advice on curriculum design, ensuring its relevancy for Australian and global markets.

Tanya Branwhite
DIRECTOR, EQUITIES, FUTURE FUND

John-Henry Eversgerd
PARTNER AND LEADER, VALUATIONS AND DISPUTES, PPB ADVISORY
Member, International Business Valuation Accreditation Taskforce, International Institute of Business Valuers Chair, Editorial Advisory Board, Business Valuation Australia

Caleena Stilwell
DIRECTOR
CORPORATE FINANCE
GRANT SAMUEL

Jamie Stewart
DIRECTOR
TRANSACTION ADVISORY
SERVICES, ERNST & YOUNG

"I chose the Business Valuation specialisation in order to enhance my corporate valuation skills in a short period of time, as valuation assignments form a significant part of my corporate advisory role at William Buck."

Timothy Maclean
GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF APPLIED FINANCE (BUSINESS VALUATION)
CURRENT STUDENT
ASSISTANT MANAGER, CORPORATE ADVISORY, WILLIAM BUCK

The Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance specialising in Retirement Outcomes is for professionals seeking to improve their understanding of applying theory to develop, assess and deliver practical solutions for improving financial retirement outcomes. You will be equipped to understand retirement problems from an outcome perspective and to assess risks relating to the delivery of retirement outcomes. This specialist course is suitable for fund and investment managers in superannuation and for those who consult, advise and support the delivery of leading-edge retirement outcomes.

Retirement Outcomes

BENEFITS

- Provides a holistic, outcome-oriented approach to understanding the challenges in the retirement funds industry.
- Offers real-world insights from senior industry leaders and experts who deliver the course, with the curriculum developed in close consultation with the Retirement Outcomes Advisory Group.
- Builds your professional network with experienced student peers.
- Articulates to the industry-leading Master of Applied Finance.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance specialising in Retirement Outcomes equips you for roles that require a thorough understanding of how to assess, develop and deliver strategies to improve financial outcomes in retirement while also managing various risks (longevity, inflation, investment volatility).

These skills are useful for those who develop, manage or research products designed for the accumulation and retirement phases of life. This could include:

- superannuation fund staff
- investment managers
- wealth managers
- asset consultants and retail product researchers
- financial planners who want a deeper understanding of strategies for retirement outcomes.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Compulsory units
Life Cycle Investing (2 credit points)
Portfolio Management and Valuation (4 credit points)
Recommended
Applied Portfolio Management (2 credit points)
Risk and Portfolio Construction (2 credit points)
Additional units from the following
Alternative Assets/Hedge Funds (2 credit points)
Corporate Finance (4 credit points)
Economics of Financial Markets (2 credit points)
Investment and Credit Analysis (2 credit points)
Private Wealth Management (2 credit points)
Total of 16 credit points

Advisory group

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Nick Callil
HEAD OF RETIREMENT INCOME SOLUTIONS
WILLIS TOWERS WATSON

Roy Maslen
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER
ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN

Aaron Minney
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Nicolette Rubinsztein
DIRECTOR, UNISUPER
DIRECTOR, ACTUARIES INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA
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"We will need an army of people with skills in the retirement space to resolve the challenges we face."

Jeremy Cooper
CHAIRMAN, RETIREMENT INCOME, CHALLENGER LIMITED

HOW TO APPLY

Submit applications online at **mafc.mq.edu.au**

Since 1980, Macquarie University Applied Finance Centre has designed exceptional graduate courses that are industry-specific and relevant. Delivered by industry experts and leading academics, our courses equip graduates with an understanding of the theories that underpin solutions for real-world finance issues and complex transactions.

We practice what we teach

No comparable course has our depth of industry experience among its faculty. Our full-time academic staff have substantial industry backgrounds, while our adjunct lecturers are drawn from senior levels of the finance industry.

Aaron Minney
BSc/BEc (Hons 1) CFA F Fin RMA
ADJUNCT FELLOW (LIFE CYCLE INVESTING)

Aaron is the head of retirement income research for Challenger. In this role, Aaron is responsible for generating additional research in the areas of decumulation, portfolio construction, investment strategy, retirement risk mitigation, new product solutions and policy support.

Manda Trautwein
MAppFin (Macq), MAppTax (UNSW), BCom (Macq), CA
ADJUNCT FELLOW (APPLIED BUSINESS VALUATION)

Manda is director of Business Advisory at William Buck in Sydney. She has significant experience in undertaking a variety of business, intangible asset and financial instrument valuations for a range of applications.

Paul Brunker
MSc (Economics, London), BA (History and Economics, Oxford)
ADJUNCT FELLOW (INVESTMENT AND CREDIT ANALYSIS)

Paul has 25 years' experience as an investment analyst and senior manager in the securities industry. He is director of Optar Capital and was managing director of Australian Equity Strategy Research at JP Morgan in Sydney.

Justin Sadler
MBA AssocDipAcc (Swinburne), AdvDipFS (FinPlan)
ADJUNCT FELLOW (PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT)

Justin is the executive officer of Member Relationships at Equipsuper. In this role, Justin leads the member and employer relationship teams and is responsible for providing the fund's member and employer propositions, including financial planning services to members. Justin is also responsible for managing major alliance partners, namely the administrator and insurer.

Cosmas Kapsanis
MBA (LBS), BSc (Marine Eng) (Hons) (UoN)
ADJUNCT FELLOW (PROJECT FINANCE)

Cosmas is an experienced investment banker who has been providing financial advisory services and raising capital for corporate clients in Asia, the Middle East and Australia for more than 20 years.

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Key features

Delivery and interaction

Part time

Face to face

After-hours delivery mode

Delivered at CBD locations in Sydney and Melbourne

Duration

The minimum completion time is 12 months

(subject to study timetable)

Articulation

Successful graduates can apply to complete our Master of Applied Finance. Students will receive full credit for all units successfully completed. This means you could complete your masters in as little as 1 year part time.

Applications

Applications are accepted online at **mafc.mq.edu.au**

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