

University of the Witwatersrand

Online PGDip in Finance

Introduction:

The Online Postgraduate Diploma in Finance is a practical and theoretical programme in investment and corporate finance. The course will equip candidates with the technical and analytical skills applicable to disciplines within the field of finance. The course is fully online, and content will be delivered by a combination of reading material, tutorials, pre-recorded videos and live Q&A consults. (The exact mix of content will depend on the module.)

Course Structure:

Students will complete six compulsory modules and choose two of three elective modules. Thus, students will complete a total of eight modules. The duration of each module is seven weeks (or one lecture block).

The Online PGDip consists of six compulsory modules:

- FINE5000O - Principles of Corporate Finance
- FINE5001O - Principles of Investment
- FINE5002O - Financial Modelling
- FINE5003O - Introduction to Statistics with Applications in R
- FINE5004O - Portfolio Management
- FINE5005O - International Finance

Plus, two of three elective modules:

- FINE5006O - Applications of Derivatives
- FINE5007O -Data Analysis, Back-testing and Optimisation
- FINE5008O -Fintech and Big Data Analysis

Please note: FINE5002O and FINE5003O are prerequisites for FINE5007O and FINE5008O, respectively.

Assessments:

All tests and exams will be conducted online. Please refer to the course outline of the individual module for the particulars of your assessments. Some modules will also include take home assignments.

Use of Gen AI:

This course is subject to the School of Economics and Finance (SEF) policy on the use of Gen AI. Policy document included in the programme pack for reference.

Minimum requirements:

A student will be considered as having successfully completed the course (i.e. pass) if the course mark is at least 50% AND the mark for the final assessment component (i.e. final exam) of the course is at least 50%. A student who attains an overall course pass-mark but does not meet the sub-minimum requirement for the final assessment component will be awarded a mark of 45% and considered as “Fail, does not meet subminimum requirements”.

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