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# 1. Welcome to the Programme

## 1.1 Message from the Dean

Upholding the Deree tradition of providing an excellent student-oriented experience, the School of Business aims at delivering academic programmes that are based on quality instruction and pedagogic best practice.

The School of Business offers a portfolio of undergraduate business programmes that blend critical enquiry with practical insight. Internships that enable students to gain career-related experience, participation in local and international competitions, guest speakers and visits to businesses complement and extend the knowledge gained in the classroom, achieving a valuable balance between academics and applications. As a result, Business curricula equip students with the analytical and practical skills that are required in today's globalized market place and, at the same time, provide adequate preparation to students who wish to pursue graduate studies in business-related fields.

Rigorous external review via NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation and CICP (Centre for Inclusion and Collaborative Partnerships of the Open University, UK) validation confirms both the high quality and the international relevance of Business programmes.

Programmes are delivered by a friendly and accessible faculty, who combine academic and scholarly expertise underpinned by real-world industry experience. It is a faculty committed to continuously adapting programme curricula so as to better prepare students for success in today's changing business environment. The Business faculty is motivated by the talented and increasingly diverse student population. Together they contribute to the creation of a vibrant academic environment at Deree, helping the School of Business rise to the next level of excellence.

In the School of Business you will be offered instruction and experiences that will enable you to develop essential business skills to pursue a meaningful career and contribute to business and society. You will be equipped with well-rounded knowledge grounded on liberal education, business foundations and functions, and sound specialization components. This handbook provides detailed information on the curricular structure of and the opportunities provided by the programme you have chosen.

Welcome to Deree – The American College of Greece and to the School of Business.

Annie Triantafillou PhD  
Dean

## **1.2 Message from the Department Head**

On behalf of the faculty of the Accounting and Finance department, I welcome you to the BSc (Hons) in Finance undergraduate programme of the School of Business at the American College of Greece.

It is our aim and continuous effort to offer you a comprehensive and contemporary academic programme in finance, thus enabling you to face the changing challenges of the business environment.

I assure you that our outstanding faculty will offer you a supportive environment for conducting your undergraduate studies and prepare you for advanced academic and professional studies.

I wish you every success in your studies and in the pursuit of your educational goals.

Stylianos Kotsias PhD  
Accounting and Finance Department Head

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#### 1.5 Keeping in Touch

Academic and administrative staff at ACG use your student email address to contact you. It is important that you check this account regularly. You can forward emails from your student email address to a preferred personal email address. However, spam filters needed by the College mean that emails sent from external email addresses may be delayed, blocked or deleted. It is, therefore, important that your student email address is the only email address that you use to contact College staff.

We will inform you of cancelled classes / activities / course notices as soon as possible. This will be via Blackboard, an email to your student email address or, if urgent, via the mobile phone number on our contact records.

Please make sure that you inform the Registrar's Office whenever you change your address and contact details. This will ensure we can always contact you in an emergency, and that you receive any important College communications that we may need to send you.

## 2. Studying on this Programme

### **Programme Philosophy and Mission**

In congruence with the mission of the College and of the School of Business, the mission of the Accounting and Finance department is to enable students to progress in life as knowledgeable and ethical individuals, competent for careers in accounting and finance as well as for advanced academic and professional studies.

*The BSc Hons Finance programme aims to:*

- Enhance students' ability to respond to institutional and economic change.
- Enhance students' analytical and critical thinking capabilities.
- Equip students with applied skills in corporate finance, investment analysis, and risk management.
- Enable students to become knowledgeable, ethical and responsible finance professionals.
- Enable students to pursue graduate study and/or professional qualifications.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

Upon completing this programme graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the nature, context and functions of different entities as well as of their legal, tax and economic environment.
- Exhibit knowledge and understanding of the workings of financial markets and institutions and discuss their impact on financial decision making process for both institutional and individual investors.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of relevant financial theory.
- Demonstrate professional integrity through knowledge of ethical issues related to the financial practice.
- Research, analyse and interpret financial data for comparison and valuation purposes.
- Evaluate the financial implications of different business decisions.
- Assess various investment strategies and apply risk management techniques in portfolio management.
- Critically discuss, major theoretical concepts in finance, and their relevance to practical cases.
- Demonstrate adequate analytical skills, using quantitative techniques.
- Ability to locate, extract and analyse financial and non-financial data from multiple sources, to develop critical thinking and draw conclusions.
- Relate theory to practice by applying financial and managerial decision methods to various financial problems.
- Demonstrate ability to work collaboratively.
- Make effective use of information technology and communicate in a professional manner.

## Programme Structure

Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
AF 2006 Financial Accounting	EC 3240 Money and Banking	AF 4223 FSA and Equity Valuation
BU 2002 Business Legal Issues	EN 3342 Professional Communication	FN 4452 Fixed Income Securities
EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics	FN 3137 Applied Financial Econometrics	FN 4529 Portfolio Management
EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics	FN 3232 Foundations of Investments	FN 4535 Financial Modeling
FN 2028 Financial Mathematics	FN 3313 Corporate Finance	FN 4880 Topics in Finance
FN 2127 Financial Markets and Instruments	FN 3319 International Finance	Finance Elective
MA 2021 Applied Statistics	MG 3133 New Venture Creation	Finance Elective
MG 2003 Management Principles	PH 3005 Business Ethics	Finance Elective

Elective courses: AF 4045 Corporate Governance and Accountability, FN 4316 Maritime Financial Management, FN 4451 Commercial Bank Management, FN 4553 Entrepreneurial Finance, FN 4530 Derivative Products, FN 4554 Tax Structured Finance, FN 4555 Quantitative Finance

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## Description of Modules

- AF 2006 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING – LEVEL 4**  
Principles, concepts and procedures of financial accounting. Preparation, analysis and interpretation of financial statements in a business context  
UK Credits: 20  
US Credits: 4/2/4
- AF 4223 FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND EQUITY VALUATION – LEVEL 6**  
Review and analysis of financial statements. Tools and techniques for financial valuation using cash flow information and present value analysis. Topics of ratio analysis, liquidity, capital structure, trend analysis, profitability, industry standards, changes in working capital, changes in financial position, sources and uses of funds, business valuation techniques, and analysis of earnings quality.  
Prerequisites: AF 2006, FN 2028 or FN 3105  
UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3
- BU 2002 BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES – LEVEL 4**  
The legal system. Sources of English law. Administration of justice. Conclusion of valid contracts and the resolution of legal disputes. Introduction to civil and commercial law. Corporate law. Negotiable instruments. Intellectual property rights.  
UK Credits: 10  
US Credits: 2/0/2
- EC 1000 PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS – LEVEL 4**  
Introduction to economics and the economy. The market system and the market model. Consumer theory, costs, production and the theory of the firm. Pricing and output determination in various market structures.  
UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3
- EC 1101 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS – LEVEL 4**  
The role of the government in a mixed economy. National income accounts. Economic fluctuations, unemployment and inflation. Fiscal and monetary policy. Macroeconomic controversies.  
Prerequisites: EC 1000  
UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

- EC 3240 MONEY AND BANKING – LEVEL 5**  
 The nature and role of money. Scope and functioning of the finance system. Financial markets and interest rates. Financial institutions, bank management, and bank supervision. The money supply process and monetary policy.  
 Prerequisites: EC 1000, EC 1101  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- EN 3342 PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION – LEVEL 5**  
 A study of communication modes in professional contexts with focus on the development of communication expertise needed within businesses as well as technical and academic communities.  
 Prerequisites: WP 1010, WP 1111, WP 1212  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/1/3
- FN 2028 FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS – LEVEL 4**  
 Fundamental concepts of financial mathematics and their application in investment project appraisal, credit transactions and pricing of financial products.  
 Prerequisites:  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 2127 FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTRUMENTS – LEVEL 4**  
 The course is intended to help students understand the role financial markets and institutions play in the business environment they will face in the future. It also provides them with the opportunity to develop a series of applications of principles from finance and economics that explore the connection between financial markets and institutions and the economy.  
 Prerequisites: EC 1000  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 3137 APPLIED FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS – LEVEL 5**  
 This is a basic course for financial economics and econometrics. In this course, empirical analyses of the economics and econometrics of financial assets will be provided. Specifically, the properties of financial asset returns, empirical tests of asset-pricing models, univariate and multivariate models as well as volatility models, among other topics, will be explored. The course will focus on economic intuition and practical applications of several econometric methods that are widely employed in financial research. Thus, the course will combine theory and practice in an effort to provide the student with

the necessary tools and knowledge to apply to real-world situations such as investment portfolio management, risk management, financial services and so on.

Prerequisites: MA 2021

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 3232 FOUNDATIONS OF INVESTMENTS – LEVEL 5**

Overview of investment theory from the investors and investment managers' points of view. Basic analysis and valuation of stocks, bonds, options and futures. Tools and techniques to measure performance, manage risk, and construct efficient portfolios.

Prerequisites: EC 1000, FN 2127

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 3319 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE – LEVEL 5**

This course delivers the theoretical framework, the quantitative tools and the practical issues that are critical in international financial management. Emphasis is placed on the global financial environment and monetary system, exchange rate determination, foreign exchange risk and foreign exchange risk management.

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, EC 1101

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 3313 CORPORATE FINANCE – LEVEL 5**

The course focuses on developing knowledge and skills in the areas of investment, financing and dividend policy decisions. Risk, return and growth are the key concepts of finance to be explored.

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127 or FN 3105

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 4452 FIXED INCOME SECURITIES – LEVEL 6**

Bond valuation and analytical tools necessary for understanding the functioning of fixed income markets as well as the risks associated with fixed income investments.

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 3232

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 4529 PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT – LEVEL 6**

This module provides a practical, hands-on experience in investment management and on the application of advanced trading strategies through a semester-long portfolio project

Prerequisites: EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 2028, FN 3232, MA 2021

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 4535 FINANCIAL MODELING – LEVEL 6**

Analysis and forecasting of financial statements. Scenario analysis and simulations for corporate valuation and investment decision-making purposes. Combining financial theory with the practical application of financial modeling techniques in evaluating various business problems.

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127 or FN 3105, FN 3313, MA 2021

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/1/3

**FN 4880 TOPICS IN FINANCE – LEVEL 6**

Capstone course that synthesizes knowledge on financial theories and practices. Emphasis on contemporary topics in finance

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 2028, FN 3137, FN 3232, FN 3313, MA 2021

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

**MA 2021 APPLIED STATISTICS – LEVEL 4**

Organizing and summarizing data. Probability distributions: binomial, Poisson, normal, t-distribution, chi-square. Sampling and sampling distribution of the mean. The central limit theorem. Parametric tests for one mean and for the difference between two means. Test for independence of two qualitative/categorical variables. Simple and multiple correlation and regression.

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

**MG 2003 MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES– LEVEL 4**

Nature, functions and responsibilities in the management of organizations. History of management thought, theories, concepts and practices. The managerial functions of planning and decision making, organizing, leading and controlling.

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

**MG 3133 NEW VENTURE CREATION – LEVEL 5**

New venture formation and entrepreneurship. Contemporary methods and best practices for the entrepreneur to plan, launch, and operate a new venture. Creation of a business plan.

Prerequisites: MG 2003 or MG 3034

UK Credits: 15  
US Credits: 3/0/3

- PH 3005 BUSINESS ETHICS – LEVEL 5**  
 Introduction to major theories and basic moral problems in the domain of business. The use of reasoning in moral assessment of business practices. Application of moral theories to specific cases of corporate conduct ranging from the individual to society in general, in the local and the international context.  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- AF 4045 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY – LEVEL 6**  
 The concept and role of corporate governance. Comparison of global governance systems. Distribution of power within firms, risk management, audit, global corporate governance. Sustainability and ethics as issues pertaining to good corporate governance.  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 4316 MARITIME FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – LEVEL 6**  
 The shipping finance market. Models of ship (asset) valuation. Sources of ship financing. Debt/equity structure decisions of a shipping company.  
 Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127 or FN 3105  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 4451 COMMERCIAL BANK MANAGEMENT – LEVEL 6**  
 The special role of financial institutions in the market, and how it relates to the regulatory framework under which commercial and investment banks operate.  
 Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 3232  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 4553 ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE – LEVEL 6**  
 This course provides a rigorous and systematic study of theories and tools necessary for entrepreneurs to start, build and harvest a successful venture. The course discusses the financial needs and peculiarities of small scale businesses and the qualities required to obtain financing, and successfully manage investment projects.  
 Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127 or FN 3105, MG 2003, MG 3133  
 UK Credits: 15  
 US Credits: 3/0/3
- FN 4530 DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS – LEVEL 6**  
 This course discusses and evaluate the role of derivative securities in



managing risk, as well as the general principles underlying the pricing and valuation of derivative securities

Prerequisites: EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 2028, FN 3232, MA 2021

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 4554 TAX STRUCTURED FINANCE – LEVEL 6**

This course provides an overview of the development of local and international tax law for innovative financial products. It analyses and examines cases from the basic types of tax structured finance transactions, e.g. client driven and proprietary trade structures and will focus on cross border structures and illustrate the market sensitivity to tax changes.

Prerequisites: AF 2006, EC 1000, FN 2127, FN 2028, FN 3232

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

**FN 4555 QUANTITATIVE FINANCE – LEVEL 6**

This course applies mathematical and statistical methods to financial economics problems. The course begins with the underlying financial theory and ends with a mastery of building quantitative skills necessary to carry out empirical work in finance. The course also addresses topics such as asset pricing and financial markets and utilizes additional concepts from economics, accounting and risk management.

Prerequisites: EC 1000, FN 2127, MA 2021, FN 3137, FN 3232

UK Credits: 15

US Credits: 3/0/3

## **Programme Resources**

### **Library Resources**

John S. Bailey Library provides extensive print, electronic and audio-visual resources in support of the College's academic programmes. The attractive, quiet and modern environment offers an ideal setting for students to study, conduct research, connect with peers, or read for pleasure.

Students, faculty and staff have access to a large collection of print and non-print resources including 129.000 books, 132.000 e-books, more than 12.500 academic journals and newspapers and more than 2.200 educational films and CDs. These resources and other research tools are accessible through the library website ([library.acg.edu](http://library.acg.edu)) on campus as well as remotely.

Students studying Finance, in particular, have access to high-quality journals, statistical data and reports, industry profiles and other types information through these electronic resources:

#### **Academic Search Premiere (EBSCO)**

A multidisciplinary database with access to articles covering all academic disciplines. More than 4,700 titles are available in full text.

#### **Business Source Complete (EBSCO)**

A comprehensive business database with access to articles from journals, trade publications and magazines, as well as industry and country reports, case studies, SWOT analyses and much more.

#### **DSI - All That Stats**

Access to an array of statistical data from OECD, the European Union, the IMF and UNIDO, as well as a variety of US and German official and central bank statistics.

#### **EBSCO eBook Collection**

A collection of over 132.000 ebooks covering all academic disciplines.

#### **EconLit (EBSCO)**

An online index to economic literature produced by the American Economic Association. Includes journal articles in full text, citations and abstracts of articles, chapters of books, dissertations, working papers and book reviews in all areas of economics.

#### **The Economist**

Online access to articles from The Economist as well as a variety of web-only content, including blogs, debates and audio/video programmes.

**Financial Times**

The online version of the leading financial newspaper with access to the latest business, finance, economic and political news, commentaries, data and analysis.

**iMentor**

A database containing company information, balance sheets and other financial information on more than 80,000 Greek public and private enterprises. Includes financial sector reports and analyses. All information is available in fully editable Excel format.

**JSTOR**

Full text archive of back issues of core scholarly journals in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

**Passport (Euromonitor)**

Integrated access to market size data for more than 300 consumer products; demographic, economic and lifestyle statistics; industry, company, country and consumer lifestyle reports, as well as comments from expert analysts. Covers more than 200 countries.

**Regional Business News (EBSCO)**

News articles from American, Asian and European regional publications.

**ScienceDirect**

Citations and abstracts from over 3,200 journals. Full text access to 480 journals in the social and behavioural sciences from 1995 onwards.

**Datastream**

Access via ALBA Graduate School

Core journals in the area of Finance currently available in the library include: Applied financial economics; Applied Mathematical Finance; Financial Management; Financial Accountability & Management; Financial Markets, Institutions & Instruments; The International Journal of Applied Economics and Finance; International Journal of Finance & Economics; International review of economics & finance; Journal of Accounting, Auditing & Finance; Journal of Applied Finance; Journal of banking & finance; Journal of Derivatives; The Journal of Finance; Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis; Journal of Financial Economics; Journal of Financial Research; The Journal of Fixed Income; Journal of Futures Markets; Journal of International Financial Management & Accounting; Journal of International Money & Finance; Quantitative Finance; Review of Financial Studies; Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting

An array of media services is also available to students and faculty. The Deree Media Centre houses the library's audio-visual and multimedia collections and provides equipment for viewing and listening. Moreover, the Media

Centre offers assistance to students and faculty in integrating the latest audio-visual technologies into their research.

For resources not readily available, the library offers document delivery services through the union catalogue of serials of the National Network of Academic and Scientific Libraries. Pay-per-article and document delivery services are also available from OCLC, partner AMICAL libraries, The British Library, as well as through a variety of vendors and publishers.

The print and audio-visual collections are organized according to international cataloguing rules. All library functions, including cataloguing, acquisitions, circulation, reserves and the public access catalogue are managed through an integrated library automation system. The web-based public access catalogue is accessible to anyone through the Internet. Library holdings are also listed in OCLC's WorldCat database.

All library collections are enriched throughout the academic year in close collaboration with faculty in accordance with the developing needs of each academic area. Online resources are carefully evaluated by librarians, faculty and students through trial and benchmarked against other peer international and US libraries supporting similar programmes.

In addition to a wide range of resources, the library offers to incoming students training sessions in information discovery and research. Students learn how to use the library website to access, select, evaluate and effectively use information resources. Moreover, in collaboration with faculty, special training sessions are organized for the needs of specific courses or disciplines. The reference desk is staffed throughout the day by specially trained personnel who can assist students and faculty in using the library and its various resources.

The library provides 28 computer workstations, viewing and listening stations, ample space for studying, individual study carrels and comfortable seating. A wireless network allows users to access all electronic resources from their laptops, tablets or hand-held devices. Printing and photocopy facilities are also available.

## **2.1 Library Help**

Your department liaises with JS Bailey Library staff to ensure physical and electronic information resources for your subject are available. Library staff are available to support you personally and will work with you throughout your time at the College.

If you have any questions about using the Library, such as logging-in, printing or using our various databases you can get help:

- from the front desk on the ground floor of the JS Bailey Library
- online: <http://library.acg.edu/help>
- by phone: +30 210 600 9800 ext. 1434

The JS Bailey Library's website [library.acg.edu](http://library.acg.edu) provides access to thousands of resources and information about Library services. You can also access key services via your smart phone or tablet.

## **2.2 External Examiner**

The External Examiner assures that you are assessed fairly in relation to other students on the same programme and that your award is of the same standard as similar programmes offered by other UK higher education institutions.

The External Examiner for this programme is:

Jessica Hong Yang, Assistant Professor in Accounting and Financial Management at Henley Business School, University of Reading.

Academic Society Advisors provide an oral summary of External Examiners' reports in the first Academic Society General Assembly meeting after each Board of Examiners. Information on the External Examiner's report could be provided by your Department Head upon request.

## **2.3 Work-Related Activities**

While you may gather a great deal of information in your courses, there is no substitute for direct experience in a professional environment. Work-related activities allow you to get "hands-on" experience and, therefore, constitute a pertinent learning tool.

Internships provide opportunities for the development of practical skills in contexts where professional criticism is both immediate and constructive. They also furnish you with opportunities to observe and understand connections between coursework and skills needed to perform effectively in a professional environment. Internships aid in the identification of knowledge and skills essential to doing well in a particular profession, give you the opportunity to demonstrate your professionalism and, therefore, increase the credibility of your degree. In addition, because the internship experience requires a great deal of personal responsibility, it enhances your professional confidence and provides an important step in your personal and professional maturation process.

The industry placement is in essence your first step towards a professional career. It gives you valuable experience in preparation for employment, provide entry into a professional network and occasionally lead directly into employment opportunities. Contacts made through the internship can be invaluable sources of information for securing eventual employment.

For information regarding available internships in Finance, please contact your Department Head.

## **2.4 Opportunities for Graduates**

Upon graduation, students will have gained a strong understanding of the relevant financial theories and workings of financial markets, institutions and instruments. They will be prepared to advance their academic studies at the graduate level, work within the finance departments of business organizations or become financial analysts, financial planners or portfolio managers at a certified level.

### **3. Assessment and Feedback**

#### **3.1 Assessment**

##### **Assessment Strategy and Procedure**

Although courses may employ assessment instruments which perform only a diagnostic or formative function, credit for the completion of a course can only be obtained on the basis of one or more summative assessments. A summative assessment provides a measure of the extent to which a student has achieved the intended learning outcomes of a module. The assessment of a student's academic performance requires a judgment of the quality of his or her work. In all cases, this assessment are governed by criteria which are explicit and communicated to students. More information on the assessment strategy and the general grading criteria of the College can be found in [Student Resources](#).

##### **Examination Regulations and Procedures**

Examination regulations apply to in-class assessments, such as examinations, laboratory tests etc., for all students registered in Deree courses and aim at promoting academic honesty through appropriate conduct. More information on procedures for exam security and invigilation is provided in [Student Resources](#).

##### **Student Identity**

Students must carry with them their Deree ID card in the examination room. For details on Checking of Student Presence Procedure, please visit *myACG*.

##### **Entering and Leaving the Exam**

Students who arrive late may be admitted to the exam but no additional time will be given. Students should be allowed to enter and take the exam up until a quarter of the allotted time has passed. Students should not be allowed to leave before a quarter of the allotted time has passed. Students should bring as little as possible to the examination room. Any bags, books, notes, should be placed underneath the chair. Food and drink (including coffee) are not permitted in the exam room with the exception of clear bottles of water.

##### **Exam Conduct**

Students should bring their own pens, pencils, approved calculators, and other materials needed for the examination. All exams should be written legibly in black or blue ink. Pencil may only be used for diagrams, graphs, etc.

Exam answers written in pencil are not acceptable. Entry/leaving an exam should be done as quietly as possible.

### **Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

Mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off – not on “silent” – in clear view and placed underneath the chair. If students use or attempt to use their phone / electronic device during the exam it will be regarded as a disciplinary offence. Students will be held responsible if their mobile phone / electronic device rings / vibrates during the exam. Any student caught using Bluetooth or any electronic device in the exam will be asked to leave immediately and will face disciplinary action.

### **Student Answers/Examination Paper**

All answers must be legibly written on exam paper provided by the exam proctor. Students are not permitted to write answers on the question paper. Students must clearly cross out any (rough) work that is not to be graded. If extra exam paper is needed, it will be provided by the exam proctor. The only paper that can be used is the paper provided by the College and should all be returned to the proctor at the end of the exam.

### **Return of Exam Papers**

Students must put the exam question paper and all answer papers together and submit both to the exam proctor. Failing to do so will result in failure in the exam.

### **Assessment Schedule**

Please note the exam/assessment periods in the academic calendar and make sure that you are available during that period.

### **Examination Schedule**

The examination schedule is published on *myACG*. Please keep checking for updates.

### **Coursework**

Where a module is wholly or partly assessed by coursework, the submission date and method of submission will be clearly stated on the Course Information Packet circulated to students by the instructor on the first day of classes and posted on the course Blackboard container.

When you submit an assignment it is important that you ensure the following information is on the assignment front sheet:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Year and semester
- ✓ Name of the instructor for whom the assignment has been done
- ✓ Name of the module for which the assignment has been done

Your responsibilities:

- ✓ Keep a record of your work
- ✓ Keep copies of all assignments
- ✓ Ensure your work is handed in within the deadlines

Each piece of assessed work will receive a mark and feedback. The method and form of feedback for each module will depend on the assessment method.



### Assessment Method Mapping

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
LEVEL 4									
AF 2006	Financial Accounting	R	20	1-hr midterm exam (essay-type/problems) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (essay-type/problems) 60% weight.				Diagnostic Coursework
BU 2002	Business Legal Issues	R	10	1-hr midterm exam (essay-type) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (essay-type) 60% weight.				Two quizzes
EC 1000	Principles of Microeconomics	R	15	In-class midterm examination (1-hour) – summative 40% weight.	Final examination (2-hour, comprehensive) – summative 60% weight.				Multiple choice/problems/essay practice tests
EC 1101	Principles of Macroeconomics	R	15	1-hr midterm exam (multiple choice/problems/essays) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (multiple choice/ problems/ essays) 60% weight.				Multiple choice/problems/essay practice tests
FN 2127	Financial Markets and Instruments	R	15	First Assessment: In-class written examination (One-hour closed-book, problems/essays combination) 40% weight.	First Assessment: In-class written examination (One-hour closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight.				Practice questions sets and quizzes
FN 2028	Financial Mathematics	R	15	First Assessment: In-class written examination (One-hour closed-book, problems/essays combination) 40% weight	Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight				Problems and questions
MA 2021	Applied Statistics	R	15	1-hr midterm exam (problems) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (problems) 60% weight.				

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
<b>LEVEL 5</b>									
MG 2003	Management Principles	R	15	1-hr midterm exam (essay-type) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (essay-type) 60% weight.				case studies, experiential exercises, in-class quizzes
EC 3240	Money and Banking	R	15	1-hr midterm exam (multiple choice/problems/essays) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (multiple choice/ problems/ essays) 60% weight.				Multiple choice/problems/essay practice tests
EN 3342	Professional Communication	R	15			Individual Work (including writing skills and presentation skills) -summative 70% weight		Analytical Group Report of 2800-3500 words 30%, weight	
FN 3137	Applied Financial Econometrics	R	15		Final Written Examination: Two-hour, in-class, closed book. 40% weight	Three group assignments of equal weight each (600 – 800 words). 60% weight.			Practice problem sets
FN 3232	Foundations of Investments	R	15		Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, comprehensive, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight.	First Assessment: Individual project (1,000-1,400 words) 40% weight.			Exercises / Comprehensive problems (excel applications)
FN 3319	International Finance	R	15	First Assessment: In-class written examination (One-hour closed-book, problems/essays combination) 40%	Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight.				Five practice question sets

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
<b>LEVEL 5</b>									
FN 3313	Corporate Finance	R	15		Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 50% weight.	First Assessment – Individual Coursework/ Project (1,300 – 1,700 words) 50% weight.			Case Studies, Excel applications
MG 3131	New Venture Creation	R	15		Final Examination (2-hour): essay type 40% weight.	Written project: Business Plan. Team of two; 3,700 -4,000 words 50% weight.	Presentation of the Business Plan, with a question /answer session after the presentation. Team of two. 10% weight.		Creation of a business concept, case studies, experiential exercises
PH 3005	Business Ethics	R	15	1-hr midterm exam Diagnostic test (essay-type) 40% weight.	2-hr final exam (essay-type) 60% weight.				Diagnostic test

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/ Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
<b>LEVEL 6</b>									
AF 4045	Corporate Governance & Accountability	E	15		2nd assessment: Two-hour written examination (in class closed-book) 50% weight.	1st assessment: Individual project (1,800-2,200 words) 50% weight.			Cases and excel applications
AF 4223	FSA & Equity Valuation	R	15		2-hour, final written examination, in-class, unseen (problems/essays combination) 50% weight.	Individual project (1,800 – 2,200 words) 50% weight.			Case studies, assignment preparation
FN 4316	Maritime Financial Management	E	15		Second Assessment: Written Examination (2-hour written close book examination) 50% weight.	First Assessment: Individual Coursework (1,800-2,200 words) 50% weight.			case studies analyses and in-class presentations, short essay assignments
FN 4452	Fixed Income Securities	R	15		Second Assessment: Written Examination (2-hour written close book examination) 50% weight.	First Assessment: Individual Coursework (1,800-2,200 words) 50% weight.			One Written assessment Case discussion
FN 4451	Commercial Bank Management	E	15		Second Assessment: Written Examination (2-hour written close book examination) 50% weight.	First Assessment: Individual Coursework (1,800-2,200 words) 50% weight.			Two quizzes 1 Written assessment
FN 4553	Entrepreneurial Finance	E	15		Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 50% weight.	First Assessment: Individual project (Business development, financial forecasting and valuation, 1,800-2,200 words) 50% weight.			One written examination In class assignments 4 quizzes

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
<b>LEVEL 6</b>									
FN 4529	Portfolio Management	R	15	1st Assessment: Written Examination (One Hour, closed-book) 30% weight.		2nd Assessment Project- Portfolio Management (2,600-3000 words). 70% weight of which: - Individual component- 70% (2,000-2,400 words) - Group component- 20% (600-1,000 words) - Presentation component- 10%			Two Quizzes One written assessment
FN 4530	Derivative Products	E	15		Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight	First Assessment: Individual Coursework (1,400-1,800) words. 40% weight of which: - Individual component 80% - Presentation component 20%			Case studies, assignment preparation
FN 4535	Financial Modeling	R	15	1st Assessment: One-hour written examination 30%		2nd Assessment: Spreadsheet modeling 70% weight of which: - Individual coursework and report (1,800 – 2,200 words) 80%, - Presentation of report 20%			Two Quizzes Homework Assignments

Module Rubric	Module title	Required/Optional	UK credits	In-class Midterm Examination	In-class Final Examination	Coursework	Presentation (if applicable)	Other Summative Assessment (if applicable)	Formative Assessments
<b>LEVEL 6</b>									
FN 4554	Tax Structured Finance	E	15		Second Assessment: In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 50% weight	First Assessment: Individual Case Study (1,800-2,200 words). 50% weight of which: Written report 80% Presentation 20%			Two quizzes One written essay
FN 4555	Quantitative Finance	E	15		In-class written examination (Two-hour, closed-book, problems/essays combination) 60% weight	Individual project (1,400-1,800 words) 40% weight			Practice problem sets Journal Articles
FN 4880	Topics in Finance	R	15			Individual research project. 100% weight of which: - written project (4,500-5,000 words) 80% - Presentation (literature review, analysis and research findings) 20%			Case studies, short reports, analysis of articles, in-class presentations

### **3.2 Giving your Feedback about this Programme**

We are keen to work with you to enhance your programme. Opportunities for you to feedback to us formally include student participation in the Programme Committee, the Academic Society, Student Course Evaluation, Senior Exit Surveys, meetings with the Dean, meetings with the Provost, and other student surveys. Informal feedback is also welcome at any time either via your instructor or your department head.

#### **School of Business Programme Committee**

The School of Business Programme Committee is responsible for the routine monitoring of programmes, including the consideration of student feedback, performance data and external examiners' reports. Proposals approved by the Committee are forwarded to the Deree Curriculum Committee and Academic Council. The Programme Committee is chaired by the Academic Dean of the School. Committee membership includes all Department Heads and Programme Coordinators, as well as the president of each student academic society. This ensures that the student community has a voice in decisions about curriculum, teaching and learning, and the development of the School of Business.

#### **Departmental Academic Society**

The School of Business **Accounting and Finance** Department has a student society, which organizes field trips, on-campus lectures, and informational meetings about the programme and which participates with other student societies in organizing the annual Business Week event. The faculty advisor to the Society supervises the organization of student elections to the society's governing board according to the society's constitution, and the board of students implements all planned activities. The societies also maintain a Blackboard site for all students majoring in the programme where academic information can be posted. For more information on your academic society, please contact your Department Head.

#### **Student Course Evaluation**

Student evaluations of courses and instructors are administered by the Office of the Registrar at the end of each academic term. The online course evaluation system is easy, convenient, secure, anonymous, and confidential. The course evaluation system is administered by the Registrar's Office. Information about the course evaluation system is available through the college website or by emailing [registrar@acg.edu](mailto:registrar@acg.edu).

#### **Senior Exit Survey**

Student feedback comprises an integral part in the continuous development and success of School of Business programmes. In that spirit, we ask prospective graduates a Senior Exit Survey. The survey includes questions on student satisfaction with the education provided by the School of Business

and with their overall College experience at Deree. The aim is to identify areas of good practice as well as areas that need improvement. Based on the data collected through the Senior Exit Survey, a report is developed by an interdisciplinary School of Business faculty committee. All data collected in this survey are held anonymously and securely. Responses cannot be traced back and all results are presented in an aggregated form. When you reach the final semester of study, you receive the relevant link in your student email address.

### **3.3 What Happens with your Feedback about this Programme?**

Your feedback helps us to continually enhance this programme. You can find out what actions have been taken in response to your feedback through your academic society, student government, department head or instructor. Updates on action taken are also provided through blackboard and *myACG*. Student feedback is used in a variety of ways, including:

- Improvement of methods of Teaching and Learning
- Module Leader Reports
- Annual Performance Evaluation of academic staff

### **3.4 Getting Feedback on your Assessed Work**

According to The College has committed to a two week turnaround for feedback. Each module handbook will provide you with specific guidelines on the turnaround for feedback.

### **3.5 How do I Get my Results?**

Results from module assessments and decisions on progression to the next level or awards (if you are in the final level) are available from *myACG*. Results normally appear within ten working days after the end of the examination period. Marks on individual assessments are not finalized until the Board of Examiners' meeting (the meeting where your end of year outcome will be decided). If you are unsure about when you might receive your results or have queries relating to your results, you may contact your module instructor via email.

### **3.6 Issues with Assessment**

If you are experiencing problems which are adversely affecting your ability to study (called 'mitigating circumstances'), then you can apply providing some form of evidence of your circumstances to verify your request.

Examples of acceptable extenuating circumstances include:

- Bereavement



- Illness
- Hospitalization
- Transport cancellation, where this may be evidenced
- Court attendance
- Serious family illness where the impact on the students' ability to undertake assessment may be demonstrated
- Accident

The following are not acceptable extenuating circumstances:

- Holidays
- Weddings
- Family celebrations
- Printing problems
- Computer failure, corrupt USB sticks
- Financial problems
- Work related problems
- Accommodation issues
- Mis-reading assessment arrangements

### **Late Submission**

You must submit work by the deadlines set in the course outline. Work submitted after but within seven days of the deadline will receive a maximum grade of C. You will fail the assessment if work is submitted later than seven days after the deadline.

### **Resits**

In the case of an initial failure of one or more assessments in a course, you have the right to be reassessed in (i.e. resit) the element that you have failed. This reassessment will normally be scheduled prior to the commencement of the following semester. Only one resit per each assessment element is allowed in each module. The maximum grade you can obtain for the reassessed component of the course is a pass (Grade C – 40%). If you fail the resit, you will not receive the credit for that course.

### **Resits in Capstone Courses**

Students who fail a coursework assessment (project/paper) with a weight of 60% or above in a capstone course may request to resit the failed assessment in the resit period following the one designated for the course.

Such requests from students must include the instructor's verification that it is impossible for the student to successfully complete the assignment by the scheduled course resit period.

Such an extension for the completion of specified coursework in capstone courses can only be given upon the recommendation of the student's instructor and the approval of the relevant Department Head and CASP.

### **Academic Appeals**

Students registered in a validated program, may appeal against a decision of the Board of Examiners. Students' rights of appeal are limited to two grounds:

- either that the candidate's performance in an assessment was adversely affected by illness or factors which s/he was unable, or for valid reasons unwilling, to divulge before the Board of Examiners reached its decision
- or that there has been a material administrative error, an assessment was not conducted in accordance with the current regulations for the program or special arrangements formally agreed, or that some other material irregularity relevant to the assessment has occurred.

Disagreement with the academic judgment of a Board of Examiners in assessing the merits of an individual element of assessment does not constitute grounds for an academic appeal. Responsibility for the submission of documentary evidence in support of the appeal rests with the student.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Registrar no later than 14 days following the publication of Examination Board results. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Registrar by the end of the second week of the following session/semester.

On receipt of the appeal, the Registrar informs the department head/area coordinator and Academic Council (through the Chief Academic Officer) and submits to them all relevant evidence and correspondence.

The Academic Dean will undertake an initial assessment of the validity of the appeal and advise the student accordingly. In the light of this advice, the student should decide whether s/he wishes to proceed with the appeal. Alternatively, the student may decide to withdraw his or her appeal and/or lodge a complaint in accordance with the College's complaints procedure. The subcommittee of the Academic Council will hear the appeal. The appellant may be called to appear before the subcommittee. The subcommittee may also require the Chair of the Board of Examiners to appear separately before it. The appellant and the Chair of the Board will not be present when the subcommittee considers the evidence and formulates its decision. The subcommittee must inform the student and the Board of Examiners of its decision within seven days of the hearing. The student has the right to subsequently appeal to the President in writing against the decision of the subcommittee. If the appellant wishes to contest the President's decision s/he has the right to lodge an appeal with the Open University. The student will obtain contact details for the President and the Open University at the Student Success Center.

The Registrar's Office will keep records of outcomes for all appeals cases. The Academic Council will receive annual summary reports regarding all appeals received by the College.

### **Cheating, Plagiarism and other forms of Unfair Practice**

An academic offence (or breach of academic integrity) includes any action or behavior likely to confer an unfair advantage, whether by advantaging the alleged offender or by disadvantaging another or others. Examples of such misconduct are plagiarism, collusion, cheating, impersonation, supplying false documentation, use of inadmissible material and disruptive behavior in class or during examinations. Responsibility for reviewing breaches of academic integrity is held by the Committee on Standing and Conduct.

### **3.7 Academic Misconduct and Penalties**

Charges against a student for violating academic integrity may originate from any source: a faculty member, an administrator, a staff member, a fellow student, or from the community at large. The charges are to be submitted in writing to the chair of the Committee on Standing and Conduct. If a member of the Committee originates the charge, then that member will be recused from the decision-making process, and any other process related to the case, other than those related to the role of complainant/witness. On receipt of the allegation of a breach of academic integrity, the Chair must inform the Chair of the Board of Examiners that is responsible for the assessment. The Board should then suspend its decisions on the candidate's grade(s) until the facts have been established (see [Student Resources](#) - Regulatory Framework).

Once the Committee on Standing and Conduct has considered the allegation and reached a conclusion on whether an offence has occurred, it should issue a report with a recommendation regarding the outcome for the student to the Chair of the relevant Board of Examiners. If it has been established that an offence has occurred, the Board will judge the significance of the misdemeanor and exercise its discretion as appropriate to the case. If it is established that a student has attempted to gain an unfair advantage, the examiners shall be given the authority to rule that the student has failed part or all of the assessments, and the authority to determine whether or not the student should be permitted to be reassessed.

Independently of the assessment decisions made by the Board of Examiners on offences pertaining to validated courses/programs, the Committee on Standing and Conduct is empowered to consider a wider range of sanctions that might be applied when a student is found guilty of a breach of academic integrity.

The following list of sanctions is indicative and can be imposed by majority vote of the Committee:

**Admonishment Letter (or Letter of Warning):** The student is advised in writing that her/his behavior violates rules of academic integrity and that a recurrence will lead to more serious sanctions. The Committee will deliberate on whether the letter should or should not appear in the student's file permanently or for a lesser period of time.

**First Offence File:** The student's name and a description of the offense is filed in a shared electronic folder, accessible by the Chief Academic Officer, the academic Deans, the Dean of Students and department heads. Second offences automatically result in a hearing.

**Disciplinary Probation:** The student is advised in writing that his/her behavior violates rules on academic integrity and is given a probationary period (to be decided upon by the Committee) to show by good behavior that a more stringent penalty should not be imposed. During the period of the probation, the student is required to terminate association with all extra-curricular activities and resign from any student office.

**Suspension:** The student's relationship with the College will be discontinued until the end of the semester or term. The student will forfeit any fees involved with the College.

**Dismissal:** The student's relationship with the College will be terminated indefinitely. The right to apply for readmission shall be denied.

Before announcing judgment/sanctions, the Chair of the Committee on Standing and Conduct consults with the Chair of the Academic Council, who has the right to recommend other sanctions. If the Chair of the Academic Council is in agreement with the Committee's recommendations, the Chair of the Committee will inform the student and the plaintiff (in writing and within three days of the hearing) of the final judgment and the actions to be taken. If the Chair of the Academic Council proposes other or additional sanctions, the chair of the Committee must communicate these recommendations to the Committee within three days and re-deliberate. Majority vote once again determines final sanctions. Communications procedures as outlined above apply. A final written report to the Academic Council on a case-by-case basis, is prepared within 14 days, and includes the complaint, the Committee's judgment and sanctions.

Within three *working* days of receipt of the decision, either party (plaintiff or student) has the right to make a formal written appeal against the decision of the Committee. The appeal is addressed first to the Committee on Standing and Conduct. If the Committee does not deem any change to the decision is warranted subsequent to consideration of the appeal, the appeal may then be brought to the Academic Council, and subsequently to the President whose decision is final. The student may appeal against the decision of the

Board of Examiners in accordance with the regulations for academic appeals (Section 9, Regulatory Framework).

### **3.8 Complaints Procedure**

Complaints are specific concerns about the provision of a course / module or a program of study or related academic or non-academic service. When appropriate, a complaint is first resolved through informal discussion with the party / office directly involved. If not resolved at that level, a formal complaint is submitted by the student to the Registrar's Office within 14 days from the day the outcome of this discussion is made known to the student. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Registrar forwards the complaint with all relevant documentation to a panel consisting of the Chief Academic Officer, the Academic Deans and the Dean of Students.

Depending on the nature of the complaint, the academic Dean or Dean of Students will undertake an initial assessment of the validity of the complaint and advise the student accordingly. In the light of this advice, the student should decide whether s/he wishes to proceed with the complaint.

In the event that the student decides to proceed with the complaint, a subcommittee of the Academic Council will be convened no later than three weeks after receiving the student's decision. The membership of the subcommittee shall not include any member of faculty or the administration who has been involved in the complaint or who is a member of the relevant Board of Examiners.

The subcommittee of the Academic Council will hear the complaint. The appellant may be called to appear before the subcommittee. The subcommittee may also require the relevant member of faculty and/or Administration to appear separately before it. The appellant and any member of staff against whom the complaint has been made will not be present when the subcommittee considers the evidence and formulates its decision. The subcommittee must inform the student and the Chair of the Board of Examiners (if the complaint concerns a validated course/program) of its decision within seven days of the hearing. The student has the right to subsequently appeal to the President against the decision of subcommittee. If the appellant wishes to contest the President's decision s/he has the right to lodge a complaint with the Open University. The student will obtain contact details for the President and the Open University at the Student Success Center.

The Registrar's Office will keep records of outcomes for all complaints cases. The Academic Council will receive annual summary reports regarding all complaints received by the College.

## **4. Where to Get Help**

### **4.1 Downloading College Forms**

All standard student forms are available online on [www.acg.edu](http://www.acg.edu) as well as on *myACG* → *Student Resources* → *Forms*

### **4.2 Academic Advising**

The Academic Advising Office aids students in choosing and completing their academic programs. The advising staff provides academic advice and information to undergraduate students, advising all first-year students, some second-year students, and transfer students; support for academic staff advisors; and resources for all students in need of academic advice. Once students have declared their major they participate in an advising program that uses academic staff as advisors to handle the responsibility of advising on academic and career-related matters.

International students have an additional non-academic international student advisor who assists them in their efforts to adjust to the new culture and supports them in obtaining any student visas and residence permits required by Greek law.

### **4.3 Student Academic Support Services**

The Student Academic Support Services (SASS) is open daily and offers academic assistance to all Deree - ACG students through individual learning facilitation sessions and/or workshops. SASS learning facilitators are peers who assist students in improving and strengthening academic study skills.

### **4.4 Office of Student Affairs**

The Office of Student Affairs is dedicated to promoting student development and continually improving the quality of student life. Through extra-curricular activities the College strives to provide students with opportunities parallel to the classroom experience that are consistent with its educational values, such as presentations, lectures, excursions, debates, theatrical plays, blood drives, happenings and events. The students are encouraged to explore personal and professional goals by participating in clubs, societies, organizations and athletic teams. All the student groups have an advisor, or coach, who is knowledgeable in the subject area, monitors their activity, attends their general assemblies and supports the group during the year.

#### **4.5 Student Success Centre**

The Student Success Centre supports students by offering comprehensive, integrated services in the areas of academic advising, OU validation issues, student records, registration, and payments in a one-stop area. The Student Success Centre aims to create the optimum conditions so that students can follow the path to academic success. Students may visit the Student Success Centre to pay a bill, request a certificate, obtain a form, arrange to bring a visitor on campus, obtain their transcript, see an academic advisor, ask about OU validation, change a course, and obtain or replace their student ID. The SSC web page has been set up to reflect the one-stop concept of the Centre and includes information from different departments. It may be accessed from the “Quick Links” on the ACG homepage ([www.acg.edu](http://www.acg.edu)) and it allows students to print forms or view the academic calendar, academic policies, final exams schedule, course schedule, graduation instructions, major requirements, frequently asked questions (FAQs), the e-mail directory, and financial aid and international student information.

#### **4.6 Disability Status and Provisions**

Students are responsible for alerting the Educational Psychologist to a known or suspected disability and/or learning difference, and for providing relevant documentary evidence if available. The Educational Psychologist suggests actions to be taken to accommodate such cases, having ensured that there has been full consultation with faculty in the department(s) responsible for the assessment of that student. The accommodation is approved by the Committee on Disability and Learning Differences. This action must be endorsed by the Chair of the relevant Board of Examiners in the case of the validated award. Information, guidance and support are provided to all disabled students who declare their disabilities. Students with disabilities and learning differences may be eligible for special accommodations, such as extra time for examination completion, and receive support and educational counseling from the Educational Psychologist on campus.

#### **4.7 Career Services**

The Office of Career Services offers centralized, comprehensive and coordinated career development, through appointments, sessions and workshops, building relationships and longstanding collaborations between students/alumni and potential employers. In the past three years the Office has expanded the quality of the services offered by acquiring a Career Services Manager tool, Goinglobal, as well as the handling of the international internship positions and the work study positions, transforming it thus into a hub for career-related issues. The Office moved dynamically to the era of social media utilizing Facebook and LinkedIn. The variety of programs and services offered to students and alumni include: counselling sessions about career advising and graduate studies advising; an online test

which identifies strengths and personality preferences aiming to assist the students in their selection of a major; Goinglobal, a tool offering job openings abroad; skills workshops about job search and job interview techniques; Career networking events; JobBank offering part-time and full-time positions; Career Days where the students have the opportunity to have a short interview with a company representative; International Internship program.

#### **4.8 Study Abroad**

The Study Abroad Programme not only brings US and international students to Athens, it also sends Deree students to several partner universities in the US and other countries. The International Internship and Study Abroad Program combines and provides a first-of-its-kind career and academic program in Greece and is open to all undergraduate students. Students have the opportunity to intern with a leading multinational company abroad and follow this up with a semester of study with an international partner university. The College is proud to be partnering with a select number of institutions that span the globe such as Northern Arizona University, Mercy College, Texas A&M, Kingsville, University of Utah, the American University in Cairo, and Richmond – The American International University in London, to name a few.

### **5. What to do if you.....**

#### **5.1 .....are absent for more than one day**

You must notify your instructor(s) if you are absent for more than one day. If you are going to apply for Mitigating Circumstances you will need to provide written evidence of the reason for your absence (see section 3.6).

#### **5.2 .....are ill**

If you are absent through illness on the day of an examination or assignment deadline and you intend to apply for mitigation, you must also provide us with details and any available evidence as soon as possible. Contact the Student Success Centre to get a copy of the appropriate Mitigating Circumstances form.

#### **5.3 .....have a comment, compliment or complaint**

We are committed to providing a quality, student-centered experience for all our students. We welcome comments and compliments from students, and find them valuable for on-going improvements. Comments and compliments about your course can be raised with your instructor(s) and/or Department Head. If you have a specific complaint about an act or omission of the College you may be able to make a formal complaint in writing under the Complaints Procedure (see section 3.8).



#### **5.4 .....are considering withdrawing from the course**

You must consult with your advisor if you wish to defer your studies, withdraw from a course, or to transfer registration from one course or award (major) to another. Applications for deferral, withdrawal or transfer should then be lodged with the Registrar's Office. Applications are subsequently considered by the Committee of Academic Standards and Policies (CASP). CASP decisions are governed by the following regulations:

- Students are permitted to change a course within the first two days of teaching.
- Beyond this period, students may withdraw from a course within the first two weeks of teaching whilst retaining the right to re-enroll in the said course in the future.
- Changes after this deadline will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Students shall not be permitted to withdraw and then subsequently re-enroll in a course after the submission or completion of the first summative assessment.

#### **5.5 ....need a reference letter**

If you need a reference letter from one or more of your instructors, fill in the Reference Request Form from *myACG* (→ *Student Resources* → *Forms*), stating the reason why you need the reference, as well as the number of hard and/or electronic copies requested.

## **6. Other Relevant Policies**

### **6.1 Attendance Policy**

All students are required to attend 80% of instructional class time. Some programmes may impose a stricter attendance requirement.

Absence from a class does not exempt a student from completing the work for that class. Students who have exceeded the allowed threshold of absences will be referred by the instructor to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar will in turn inform the Committee on Academic Standards and Policies which, in the light of any evidence of extenuating circumstances supplied by the student, will decide whether the student must withdraw from the course (and receive an F grade).

### **6.2 Student Punctuality Policy**

It is the responsibility of students to be in class on time, and the responsibility of instructors to begin their class on time and end it on time. Students are

considered absent and will be recorded as such, if they arrive to class 10 minutes (or more) later than the scheduled class starting time.

Individual instructors reserve the right to have a more stringent policy, provided that this policy is listed in the Course Information Packet.

### **6.3 Turnitin Policy and Student Guidelines**

The College is using Turnitin software to assist in the detection of plagiarism. If a case of cheating is proven, disciplinary procedures will be followed, as described in sections 3.6 and 3.7. More information about the College's Turnitin Policy can be found in [Student Resources](#).

Guidelines for Student Use of Turnitin:

- Students are only permitted to submit their own work and only for assignments created by Deree faculty for Deree courses.
- Students are not allowed to submit the work of others.
- Students are not allowed to have their own work submitted by others.
- Students are responsible for submitting assignments to Turnitin on time.
- Work submitted to Turnitin remains in a large database of papers against which future papers are scanned.

### **6.4 Transfer of credits**

Students who transfer must be in Good Academic Standing at their previous institution. Students who wish to transfer from US institutions must have a cumulative index (CI) or overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or above. Transfer students must contact the Academic Advising Office and the Validation Office after they are admitted to the College.

### **6.5 Evaluation of Transfer Credits**

The transfer credit process begins immediately after the student's first registration and only after the student has submitted both the official transcript(s) and the course syllabi or descriptions of substantial length from official publications of the institution. Course syllabi may be required for a better evaluation of the student's completed prior academic work. All submitted documents not in English or Greek must be accompanied by certified English or Greek translations and must be submitted to the Validation Office before the end of the student's first semester. The assessment process of the student's prior academic work will be completed no later than two months (excluding vacation period) after the student has submitted a complete folder of the required documents as stated above.

Students cannot be granted credit (or be exempted from) courses at Level 6 and/or for more than 4 courses (i.e. 12 US credits or 60 UK credits) at Level 5. All transfer credit requests are handled by the Validation Office.

### **6.6 Credit by Assessment for Professional Experience**

Credit by assessment may be earned for experiential learning (professional experience) by experienced professionals\* who wish to begin or complete their studies. Such credit may fulfill up to 36 US credits required for a degree.

No credit by assessment can be awarded for Level six (6) courses, except for validated internship courses.

No credit by assessment can be awarded for more than four (4) Level 5 courses.

The method of assessment, the number of credits to be earned as well as the course(s) for which experiential credit will be given will be decided by the relevant academic department(s) depending on the disciplines for which credit has been requested. The academic department of the student's declared major will report the results of the assessment to the relevant School Dean for approval. The Office of the Dean will send the final approved evaluation to the Registrar's Office.

\*Students must submit an application in order to take advantage of the Credit by Assessment program. The application includes an updated resume and a statement that describes knowledge and skills gained through experience-based learning and how they relate directly to course(s) for which credit requested. Students may also submit certificates of training, work samples, and other documents appropriate as evidence of equivalent to college learning.

Once the application is approved a fee of 90 Euros per credit hour to be assessed will be charged to the student.

### **6.7 Student matriculation**

For the US NEASC accredited degree students have the right to complete their studies in accordance with the educational programs and requirements in effect at the time they were first admitted to the College. The maximum period of matriculation for a US NEASC accredited degree is 10 years.

If the degree requirements should change during the student's period of studies at the College, the student may choose to complete those degree requirements in effect upon entry or any other set of requirements introduced subsequently and prior to graduation; all the specified requirements for the particular degree chosen must be met.

Students must observe all current prerequisites for courses. Students may stay informed about current prerequisites/co-requisites of courses by consulting annually the latest on line College Catalog.

Re-admitted students are required to follow the program requirements in effect of their re-admission.

## **6.8 Safety, Health and Wellbeing**

The College committed to providing a vibrant and sustainable working environment that values wellbeing and diversity. This commitment exists alongside our wider legal and moral obligations to provide a safe and healthy working environment for our staff, students and members of the public who may be affected by our activities.

### **Disabled Students**

You are expected to declare any disability that would affect your safety in the event of a fire or earthquake, e.g. hearing impairment or the use of a wheelchair. Disabled students must declare their disability, to the College, for it to be taken into consideration.

### **Accident and Incident and Reporting**

All accidents and incidents and dangerous occurrences, must be reported to, and recorded by College staff. In case of accident or medical emergency, you need to contact the College nurse. ACG First Aid Protocol and Medical Emergency Flow Charts are given in [Student Resources](#).

### **Smoking**

No smoking is permitted in any of ACG buildings; if you do smoke outside our buildings please make sure that you stand at least five meters from building entrances and boundaries.

## **Appendices**

**Appendix A:** Undergraduate Online Catalog (including Regulations for Validated Awards of the Open University) <http://www.acg.edu/academics>

**Appendix B:** Programme Specification