



**The Open
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BSc (Hons) in Finance

Student Handbook

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1. Welcome to the Programme

1.1 Message from the Dean

Upholding the American College of Greece tradition of providing a student-oriented educational experience, Deree School of Business and Economics delivers academic programmes that are based on quality instruction and pedagogic best practice. Blending critical enquiry with practical insight, Business and Economics curricula equip students with analytical and practical skills that are essential in today's globalized market place and, at the same time, provide excellent preparation to students who wish to pursue graduate studies in economics and business-related fields. Rigorous external review through NECHE accreditation, along with validation by the Open University UK, safeguard the quality and warrant the international relevance of our programmes.

Business and Economics programmes are delivered by friendly and accessible academic staff, who combine scholarly expertise with industry experience. The academic staff is motivated by the talented and increasingly diverse student population of the College. Together they contribute to the creation of a vibrant academic environment at Deree, helping the School of Business and Economics rise to the next level of excellence.

In the School of Business and Economics you will be offered instruction and experiences that will enable you to develop essential skills to pursue a meaningful career and contribute to business and society. You will be equipped with knowledge grounded on liberal education, economics, business foundations and functions, as well as 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 and Economics!

Annie Triantafillou Ph.D.
Dean

1.2 Message from the Department Head

Welcome to Deree - The American College of Greece and to the Finance programme. In line with the mission of the College, the Finance Program's mission is to foster an atmosphere in which leading professionals and academics can collaborate to teach, research, and exchange critical knowledge about finance. Finance faculty are dedicated to high quality teaching and learning strategies to engage, motivate and challenge students, world-leading research that informs academia and teaching, and service to the community and to the profession. They offer a rigorous and comprehensive program that has gained an excellent reputation in the Greek industry as well as in universities abroad over the years. Our aim is to advance the knowledge of the students with a thorough foundation in theoretical and applied topics in finance and transform students by providing them outstanding support and a dynamic and innovative learning environment with the appropriate tools to become successful professionals in today's global market environment in the areas of Finance, Banking, Accounting, Economics and Business Strategy & Administration.

In addition, the programme engages students and enhances their learning through the organization of co-curricular activities, such as guest lectures by prominent professionals, company presentations, site visits, educational and social events. Moreover, during *Business Week*, the annual forum held by the School of Business and Economics, the Accounting and Finance Student Society actively contributes to the organization of a conference that hosts eminent speakers, round-table discussions, workshops and many other events.

The Finance programme attracts students from diverse backgrounds, including Study Abroad students from international universities and Parallel Studies students from local universities. Building on its numerous strengths and constantly seeking opportunities to enhance the overall student experience, the Finance programme is set to become a premier choice for studying finance in Greece.

We hope that you will enjoy your intellectual journey with us!

With best wishes,

Dr. Panagiotis Asimakopoulos,
Head of Accounting Economics and Finance

1.3 Deree-The American College of Greece

The American College of Greece (ACG) is a US non-profit institution. The educational system at Deree-ACG is based upon that of American institutions of higher learning. The school provides its students with a quality education of a standard equivalent to that of the most respected colleges and universities in the United States by virtue of the College's accreditation by NECHE, the oldest accrediting body in the United States.

In 2010, Deree-ACG entered into a partnership with The Open University of the U.K., the largest university in Europe, for the purpose of programme validation. All the undergraduate programs offered at Deree-ACG are validated by The Open University, UK (www.open.ac.uk/validate). Through these accreditation and validation relationships, Deree-ACG students undertake studies leading to the award of two degrees: a US Bachelor's degree, reflecting institutional accreditation by NECHE, and a UK Honour's Bachelor's Award validated by The Open University.

All degree seeking students entering Deree-The American College of Greece (Deree-ACG) will be required to register for both the US, NECHE accredited bachelor's degree, and the European – UK award validated by the Open University. The following may be exempted from this rule: a) students pursuing parallel studies at Greek public universities. b) Transfer students who have transferred 92 US credits or above applicable to their program. c) Readmitted students who have interrupted their studies before 2010 will have the option of pursuing only a Deree US degree. Students who wish to be considered for these exemptions must petition the Committee on Academic Standards and Policies (CASP) through the Student Success Center during the first month after their initial registration at Deree.

1.4 Academic Calendar

<http://www.acg.edu/academics/college-calendars>

1.5 Key Contacts

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1.6 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

2.1 Programme Mission

In congruence with the mission of the College, the mission of the Finance Program is to create an environment where prominent professionals and scholars come together to teach, research and share critical knowledge about finance.

2.2 Programme goals and competencies

The finance program aims to provide students with a thorough foundation in theoretical and applied topics in finance. The program equips students with the appropriate tools to become successful professionals in today's global market environment. Students completing the program will be able to pursue graduate studies in economics, finance, and other business-related fields.

The overall **goals** of the Finance program are to:

- Provide students with a solid background in corporate finance, investment analysis, and risk management.
- Provide students with applicable quantitative skills.
- Develop students' analytical and critical thinking on topics in finance, current issues and policies so as to enhance their ability to respond to institutional and economic change.
- Prepare students for postgraduate education and/or professional qualifications.
- Prepare students to become informed citizens and ethical finance professionals.

Specifically, the programme aims to produce students with the following **competencies**:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature, context and functions of different entities as well as of their legal, tax and economic environment.
2. 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.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of relevant financial theory.
4. Demonstrate professional integrity through knowledge of ethical issues related to the financial practice.
5. Research, analyse and interpret financial data for comparison and valuation purposes.
6. Evaluate the financial implications of different business decisions.
7. Assess various investment strategies and apply risk management techniques in portfolio management.
8. Critically discuss, major theoretical concepts in finance, and their relevance to practical cases.
9. Demonstrate adequate analytical skills, using quantitative techniques.
10. Ability to locate, extract and analyse financial and non-financial data from multiple sources, to develop critical thinking and draw conclusions.
11. Relate theory to practice by applying financial and managerial decision methods to various financial problems.
12. Demonstrate ability to work collaboratively.
13. Make effective use of information technology and communicate in a professional manner.

2.3 Programme Learning Outcomes

The programme's intended learning outcomes specify that upon completion of the programme, students will be able to:

A. Knowledge and Understanding

- 1) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the foundations of finance, corporate finance and quantitative finance.
- 2) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the roles, operation and functions of domestic and international financial markets, institutions and instruments and ethical considerations.
- 3) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the relevant mathematic, statistic and econometric framework and its application.
- 4) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the interpretation of financial reports from accounting statements and data generated in financial markets and the factors affecting investment decisions.
- 5) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary theoretical tools and theories of finance, economics and financial management, their relevance and application to theoretical and practical problems and application of this knowledge to the appraisal of empirical evidence.

B. Cognitive Skills (reasoning, perception, intuition)

- 1) Utilize quantitative, modeling and econometric skills.
- 2) Analyze and synthesize theoretical and practical financial issues, and interpret financial statements addressing research questions related to financial markets.
- 3) Present quantitative and qualitative information, together with analysis, argument, and commentary, in accordance with the professional and academic literature in finance.
- 4) Critically evaluate arguments and evidence drawn from reasoned conclusions concerning structured and unstructured problems from both given data and data that must be acquired to investment practice and treasury management.

C. Practical and Professional Skills

- 1) The use of sampling techniques to obtain data in order to conduct research and the implementation of various modeling techniques to make surveys, inferences and forecasts.
- 2) The preparation of reports, communicating effectively in written, oral, and graphical form, of financial results and drawing conclusions and/or policy implications suitable for a professional audience.
- 3) The presentation of financial and statistical concepts critically.
- 4) Locate, extract, and analyse data from multiple sources, and put theory into practice by using pertinent software packages for programming purposes and econometric applications.

D. Key/Transferable Skills

- 1) Recognize key financial concepts that are present in both every day and professional decision making.
- 2) Interpret numerical information, reason numerically and apply appropriate mathematical and statistical techniques in a clear and meaningful way.
- 3) Analyze and report on economic and financial data using computer applications and statistical techniques.
- 4) Evaluate and convey key findings in published economics, finance, and financial accounting research.
- 5) Ability to perform a critical evaluation of the body of knowledge acquired through the entire programme, keeping an open mind about different methodological approaches.
- 6) Understand the contexts in which the finance profession operates, developing a variety of professional skills and personal qualities useful for managing in finance and financial institutions.

2.4 Programme Structure

Level 4

➤ Compulsory modules

EC	1000	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	15 CREDITS
EC	1101	LE- PRINCIPLES OF MACRO ECONOMICS	15 CREDITS
BU	2003	BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES	15 CREDIT
AF	2007	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	15 CREDITS
MA	2021	APPLIED STATISTICS	15 CREDITS
MA	2105	APPLIED CALCULUS	15 CREDITS
FN	2127	FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTRUMENTS	15 CREDITS
FN	2128	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE	15 CREDITS

Level 5

➤ Compulsory modules

PH	3005	BUSINESS ETHICS	15 CREDITS
EC/FN	3046	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT I	15 CREDITS
FN	3213	CORPORATE FINANCE	15 CREDITS
EC	3270	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	15 CREDITS
FN	3437	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS I	15 CREDITS

➤ Three Optional modules

FINANCE OPTION** (LEVEL 5) – 15 CREDITS

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from the following list:

MG	3033	NEW VENTURES CREATION	15 CREDITS
AF	3104	FINANCIAL REPORTING I	15 CREDITS

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AF	3116	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING	15 CREDITS
AF	3131	INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	15 CREDITS
EC	3134	ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS	15 CREDITS
FN	3219	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	15 CREDITS
EC	3225	REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS	15 CREDITS
EC	3226	CREDIT AND LENDING	15 CREDITS
EC	3232	ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	15 CREDITS
EC/AF	3240	MONEY AND BANKING	15 CREDITS
EC	3324	INSURANCE	15 CREDITS
EC	3342	PUBLIC FINANCE	15 CREDITS

Level 6

➤ Compulsory modules

EC/FN	4129	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT II	15 CREDITS
FN	4955	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS II	15 CREDITS
FN	4980	DISSERTATION IN FINANCE	30 CREDITS

➤ Four optional modules

FINANCE OPTION*** (LEVEL 6) – 15 CREDITS

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FINANCE OPTION*** (LEVEL 6) – 15 CREDITS

from the following list:

EC/FN	4007	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND INVESTING	15 CREDITS
EC/FN	4009	BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS & FINANCE	15 CREDITS
FN	4045	FINTECH	15 CREDITS
AF	4045	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY	15 CREDITS
AF	4096	MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS	15 CREDITS
MG	4173	ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE	15 CREDITS
AF	4207	FINANCIAL REPORTING II	15 CREDITS
AF	4242	COST AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT	15 CREDITS
CS	4267	APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS	15 CREDITS
AF	4323	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS	15 CREDITS
EC/FN	4430	FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES	15 CREDITS
FN	4451	COMMERCIAL BANK MANAGEMENT	15 CREDITS
FN	4452	FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	15 CREDITS
FN	4535	FINANCIAL MODELING	15 CREDITS

2.5 Indicative Student Timetable**Year 1****Fall Semester**

EC	1000	L4	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	15
BU	2003	L4	BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES	15
AF	2007	L4	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	15
MA	2105	L4	APPLIED CALCULUS	15

Spring semester

EC	1101	L4	LE- PRINCIPLES OF MACRO ECONOMICS	15
MA	2021	L4	APPLIED STATISTICS	15
FN	2127	L4	FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTRUMENTS	15
FN	2128	L4	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE	15

Year 2**Fall Semester**

PH	3005	L5	BUSINESS ETHICS	15
EC	3270	L5	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	15
FN	3437	L5	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS I	15
**		L5	ELECTIVE	15

Spring semester

EC/FN	3046	L5	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT I	15
FN	3213	L5	CORPORATE FINANCE	15
**		L5	OPTIONAL MODULE	15
**		L5	OPTIONAL MODULE	15

Year 3**Fall Semester**

EC/FN	4129	L6	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT II	15
FN	4955	L6	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS II	15
FN	4980	L6	DISSERTATION IN FINANCE	30

Spring semester

***		L6	OPTIONAL MODULE	15
***		L6	OPTIONAL MODULE	15
***		L6	OPTIONAL MODULE	15
***		L6	OPTIONAL MODULE	15

**See list of L5 optional modules in section 2.4 Programme Structure

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Indicative Scheduling for compulsory modules

Module rubric and level			Module Title	Frequency of offering
EC	1000	L4	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	Fall, Spring
EC	1101	L4	LE- PRINCIPLES OF MACRO ECONOMICS	Fall, Spring
BU	2003	L4	BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES	Fall
AF	2007	L4	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	Fall, Spring
MA	2021	L4	APPLIED STATISTICS	Fall, Spring
MA	2105	L4	APPLIED CALCULUS	Fall, Spring
FN	2127	L4	FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTRUMENTS	Fall, Spring
FN	2128	L4	PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE	Fall, Spring
PH	3005	L5	BUSINESS ETHICS	Fall
EC/FN	3046	L5	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT I	Spring
FN	3213	L5	CORPORATE FINANCE	Fall, Spring
EC	3270	L5	MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS	Fall
FN	3437	L5	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS I	Fall
EC/FN	4129	L6	INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT II	Fall
FN	4955	L6	FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS II	Fall
FN	4980	L6	DISSERTATION IN FINANCE	Fall – Spring (sequence)

Indicative Scheduling for optional modules

Module rubric and level			Module Title	Frequency of offering
MG	3033	L5	NEW VENTURES CREATION	Fall, Spring
AF	3104	L5	FINANCIAL REPORTING I	Spring
AF	3116	L5	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING	Fall, Spring
AF	3131	L5	INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	Fall
EC	3134	L5	ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS	Fall
FN	3219	L5	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	Spring
EC	3225	L5	REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS	Spring
EC	3226	L5	CREDIT AND LENDING	Fall
EC	3232	L5	ECONOMICS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	Spring
EC/AF	3240	L5	MONEY AND BANKING	Fall, Spring
EC	3324	L5	INSURANCE	Spring
EC	3342	L5	PUBLIC FINANCE	Fall
EC/FN	4007	L6	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND INVESTING	Spring
EC/FN	4009	L6	BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS & FINANCE	Spring
FN	4045	L6	FINTECH	Spring
AF	4045	L6	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY	Spring, Fall

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AF	4096	L6	MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS	Spring
MG	4173	L6	ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE	Spring, Fall
AF	4207	L6	FINANCIAL REPORTING II	Fall
AF	4242	L6	COST AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT	Fall
CS	4267	L6	APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS	Spring
AF	4323	L6	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS	Spring, Fall
EC/FN	4430	L6	FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES	Spring
FN	4451	L6	COMMERCIAL BANK MANAGEMENT	Spring
FN	4452	L6	FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	Spring
FN	4535	L6	FINANCIAL MODELING	Spring, Fall

2.6 Academic Staff

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2.7 The Accounting and Finance Society

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2.8 Description of modules

EC 1000 PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Introduction to economics and the economy. Product markets, elasticity, and consumer theory. Costs, production and the theory of the firm. Pricing and output determination in various market structures.

EC 1101 LE PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

DESCRIPTION: National income accounting, economic growth, taxation, business cycles, unemployment, inflation, deficit and debt. Aggregate expenditures and the Aggregate Supply/Aggregate Demand model. Countercyclical fiscal and monetary policy. The banking system and the money supply.

BU 2003 BUSINESS LEGAL ISSUES

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Introduction to basic concepts and principles of company law, intellectual property law, contract law, tort law and employment law, and overview of selected emerging legal issues.

AF 2007 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Introduction to principles, concepts and procedures of the financial accounting cycle of services and merchandising businesses. Preparation and interpretation of financial statements as a source of financial information required in a business context.

MA 2021 APPLIED STATISTICS

UK LEVEL 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: A comprehensive introduction of statistics for business and economics. Descriptive and inferential statistics, regression analysis and analysis of variance (ANOVA).

MA 2105 APPLIED CALCULUS

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

(Updated Spring 2021)

PREREQUISITES: MA1008 College Algebra

DESCRIPTION: Introduction to calculus and its application to the solution of problems arising in business, economics, and related fields. Differentiation, marginal analysis, integration, optimization, partial differentiation, Lagrange multipliers.

FN 2127 FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTRUMENTS

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

DESCRIPTION: 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.

FN 2128 PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 4

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting

DESCRIPTION: Time value of money. Implementation of investment appraisal techniques. Investing decisions. Valuation of financial instruments. Cost of capital.

PH 3005 BUSINESS ETHICS

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: 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.

EC/FN 3046 INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT I

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Investment theory and practice including risk and return, asset allocation and diversification. Analytical techniques for investment planning and selection in the environment in which investment decisions are made.

FN 3213 CORPORATE FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
FN 2128 Principles of Finance

DESCRIPTION: The course focuses on developing a knowledge and a broad understanding of core issues in corporate finance. It also enables students, through the application of appropriate tools and techniques, to evaluate and solve complex corporate finance problems developing numerical reasoning and the ability to interpret financial data.

EC 3270 MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics
EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: Basic microanalysis for consumer and business decision making. Production; technology and costs. Price and output determination in different market structures. Pricing with market power. Evaluation of government policies.

FN 3437 FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS I

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

MA 1008 College Algebra

MA 2021 Applied Statistics

DESCRIPTION: Basic econometrics for the finance area. The economics and econometrics of financial assets and markets, empirical tests of asset-pricing models, univariate and multivariate models, and volatility models will be presented and applied.

MG 3033 NEW VENTURES CREATION

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: 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.

AF 3104 FINANCIAL REPORTING I

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting

DESCRIPTION: Introduction to Financial Reporting. Focus on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in relation to preparation of single entity financial statements, as well as the reporting of asset and revenue elements.

AF3116 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting

DESCRIPTION: Generation and preparation of information provided to decision-makers for optimal planning and control of an organization's routine operations and long-range organizational goals. Focus on the use of accounting information in cost accumulation, profitability analysis, planning and decision making in business organizations.

AF 3131 INTERMEDIATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting

DESCRIPTION: Application of alternative accounting measurements and their effects on corporate assets, liabilities, and stockholders' equity.

EC 3134 ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

DESCRIPTION: Market activity and the environment. Pollution as an externality. Environmental regulatory approaches: theory and practice. Benefit estimation procedures. Resource management.

FN 3219 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: Theoretical framework, quantitative tools and practical issues that are critical in international financial management. Global financial environment and monetary system, exchange rate determination, parity conditions, foreign exchange risk, foreign exchange risk management.

EC 3225 REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: Real estate in the wider economy; the housing wealth effect. Supply & Demand. Real estate as investment; property valuation, the cap rate and its cycle. The development process. Real estate market equilibrium as a capital stock adjustment. Housing finance. Bid-rent (bid-price) curves and land-use patterns. Real estate price bubbles. Real estate price indices.

EC 3226 CREDIT AND LENDING

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: Loan safety, loan purpose, impact of lending on bank profitability. Financial analysis of prospective borrowers. Credit analysis. Types of lending and problem loan management.

EC 3232 ECONOMICS OF EUROPEAN UNION

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: The political and institutional framework of the European Union. The Union's agricultural, industrial, social, monetary and regional policy. Theory and practice of economic integration.

EC/AF 3240 MONEY AND BANKING

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics
EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

DESCRIPTION: The nature and role of money. Scope and functioning of the finance system. Financial markets and interest rates. Financial institutions, bank management, and regulation. The money supply process and monetary policy.

EC 3324 INSURANCE

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics
MA 1008 College Algebra
MA 2021 Applied Statistics

DESCRIPTION: Insurance principles. Risk management. Adverse selection & moral hazard. Analysis of insurance contracts. Life & non-life insurance. Insurance company functions & operations. Buying insurance. Re-insurance. Determinants of insurance demand and supply. Insurance distribution. The agency network. The life insurance market globally and in Greece. Bancassurance.

EC 3342 PUBLIC FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 5

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics
EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics
EC 3270 Managerial Economics

DESCRIPTION: The role of the public sector in a mixed economy. Description and analysis of the three main functions of government: allocation, distribution and stabilization. The government budget and efficiency in taxation and government spending. Project evaluation. Public goods. Fiscal Policy.

EC/FN 4129 INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT II

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC/FN 3046 Investment Analysis and Management I

DESCRIPTION: Portfolio theory and the process of portfolio management: establishing objectives, industry and company analysis, constructing and managing a portfolio, measuring and evaluating portfolio performance.

FN 4955 FINANCIAL ECONOMETRICS II

UK LEVEL: 6

BSc (Hons) in Finance

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

AF 2007 Financial Accounting

MA 1008 College Algebra

MA 2021 Applied Statistics

FN 2128 Principles of Finance

EC/FN 3032 Investment Analysis and Management I

FN 3213 Corporate Finance

FN 3437 Financial Econometrics I

DESCRIPTION: Advanced econometric methods and applications in finance. Multivariate models, quantile regression, panel data regression and binary/categorical dependent variable methodologies will be discussed and applied.

FN 4980 DISSERTATION IN FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 30

US CREDITS: 6/0/6

PREREQUISITES: EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics

EC 1101 Principles of Macroeconomics

MA 1008 College Algebra

AF 2006 Financial Accounting

MA 2021 Applied Statistics

FN 2128 Principle of Finance

FN/EC 3032 Investment Analysis and Management I

FN 3213 Corporate Finance

FN 3437 Financial Econometrics I

DESCRIPTION: An independent piece of work on a theme aligned with the focus of the finance programme. Each student works directly with a faculty supervisor.

EC/FN 4007 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND INVESTING

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Economic and financial aspects of sustainability. Sustainable financial products and markets. Sustainable investments, effective financial valuation and effective risk assessment.

EC/FN 4009 BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: The impact of cognitive biases, bounded rationality, framing, heuristics, and emotions on decision-making processes on everyday life and on financial markets. Divergence from the Homo Economicus archetype and explanation of market "anomalies".

FN 4045 FINTECH

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Fintech and transformation of financial services. Financial innovation, cryptocurrencies and Blockchain. Fintech regulation and implications for the financial sector and the economy.

AF 4045 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: 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.

AF 4096 MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: None

DESCRIPTION: Application of principles and techniques of financial accounting to issues related M&A transactions. Comprehensive review of purpose, approaches, tools and techniques to undertake M&A decisions.

MG 4173 ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: MG 3033 New Ventures Creation

DESCRIPTION: 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 focuses on the understanding of financial planning specifics for new and small- scale businesses and the qualities required to obtain financing by primarily private investors.

AF 4207 FINANCIAL REPORTING II

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
AF 3104 Financial Reporting I

DESCRIPTION: The use of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in relation to the preparation of consolidated financial statements, as well as liability, equity and expense elements.

AF 4242 COST AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT

UK LEVEL: 6

BSc (Hons) in Finance

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
AF 3116 Management Accounting

DESCRIPTION: The role of the management accountant in complex modern industrial organisation. Costing systems and activity-based costing; implementation issues in modern costing systems; control systems and control philosophies; performance appraisal and the balanced scorecard.

CS 4267 APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: CS 3051 Business Driven Technology

DESCRIPTION: Data exploitation for decision making purposes: Data Management for Decision Support, Business Intelligence, Business Analytics, Data Mining/Machine Learning, Reporting, Forecasting.

AF 4323 FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND EQUITY VALUATION

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
FN 2128 Principles of Finance
FN 3213 Corporate Finance

DESCRIPTION: 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.

EC/FN 4430 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: EC/FN 3032 Investment Analysis and Management I
MA 1008 College Algebra
MA 2105 Applied Calculus
MA 2021 Applied Statistics

DESCRIPTION: The analytics of financial derivatives and risk management. Pricing and valuation of forwards, futures, swaps, options, and credit derivatives, and their use in managing risk.

FN 4451 COMMERCIAL BANK MANAGEMENT

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
FN 2128 Principles of Finance

EC/FN 3032 Investment Analysis and Management I
FN 3213 Corporate Finance

DESCRIPTION: The special role of financial institutions in the market, and how it relates to the regulatory framework under which commercial and investment banks operate.

FN 4452 FIXED INCOME SECURITIES

UK LEVEL: 6

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/0/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
FN 2128 Principles of Finance
EC/FN 3032 Investment Analysis and Management I
FN 3213 Corporate Finance

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

FN 4535 FINANCIAL MODELLING

UK CREDITS: 15

US CREDITS: 3/1/3

PREREQUISITES: AF 2007 Financial Accounting
EC 1000 Principles of Microeconomics
FN 2128 Principles of Finance
FN 3213 Corporate Finance or FN 3105 Financial Management

DESCRIPTION: Basic and advanced excel functions and charts for financial analysis. Forecasting of the main financial statements. Equity valuation using Discounted Free Cash Flows Method, Comparable Companies Method and Comparable Transactions Method. Sensitivity Analysis. Financial modelling for decision-making.

2.9 Programme resources

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 provides access to thousands of resources and information about Library services. You can also access key services via your smart phone or tablet.

Multimedia resources

- Microsoft Office: 750 licenses currently in operation. Licenses are per machine and are renewed every 5 years.
- SPSS: 100 licenses currently in operation. Licenses are concurrent and are renewed annually.

- E-VIEWS: 20 licenses currently in operation. Licenses are per machine and are renewed annually.
- STATA: 25 licenses. Licenses are concurrent and are renewed annually.
- MATLAB: 30 licenses. Licenses are concurrent and are renewed annually.
- NVIVO: 20 licenses. Licenses are per machine and are renewed annually.
- QUALTRICS: The institutional license is renewed annually.
- REFINITIV THOMSON REUTERS EIKON DATASTREAM: 15 licenses. Licenses are concurrent and are renewed annually.
- BLOOMBERG: 12 licenses. Licenses are concurrent and are renewed annually.
- Blackboard platform: The institutional license is renewed annually.
- Turnitin Plagiarism Detection software: The institutional license is renewed annually.
- Premiere editing suite: installed on lab computers for teaching and student use.

Simulated Trading Room

The ACG Simulated Trading Room (STR) replicates a real-world trading experience, widening knowledge of financial services and increasing employability of ACG graduates. As a pedagogic tool, the Simulated Trading Room increases engagement of students in the learning process through the creation of an academic environment that simulates a professional financial environment. In that sense, the Simulated Trading Room is an integral part of the teaching and learning process in the Economics programme and the epitome of experiential learning.

The STR features 25 PC stations with dual monitors, 2 interactive ultra-short throw projectors, one instructor document camera, one high definition PTZ conference camera, satellite TV, 4 (65") TVs, integrated sound system with wireless instructor microphone, 27 feet Full Color LED Ticker display with access to stock information, full high speed wireless connectivity, video conferencing. In addition the Simulated Trading Room is equipped with the following software: Bloomberg, Refinitiv EIKON, Refinitiv closed group dealing system (unique in an academic environment), STATA, SPSS, Matlab, and Eviews. The Simulated Trade Room provides students with unique hands-on training in trading and a competitive edge in the domestic and international job markets.

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 Dr. Panagiotis Andrikopoulos, Executive Director and Professor of Finance, Centre for Financial and Corporate Integrity (CFCI), Coventry University, UK.

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. The internship option in your US programme provides opportunities for the development of practical skills in contexts where professional criticism is both immediate and constructive. It also furnishes 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. The work-based learning component is managed by the Internship Administrator, Ms. Despina Gavriili (dgavrili@acg.edu).

2.10 Opportunities for Graduates

Finance offers excellent employment and salary prospects, especially at the start of one's career. One reason for this is the flexibility the profession offers. Finance program exposes students to a range of subject-specific skills that allow them to apply their knowledge of finance to real-world situations. Upon graduation, students will have gained a strong understanding of the relevant financial theories and workings of financial markets, institutions and instruments. Thus, a finance graduate can find employment in a variety of industries, from banking, insurance, accounting and finance to industrial, service and retail-trade firms, publishing, agricultural, and the oil and minerals business, construction and real estate, research, environmental programmes, and even the art trade. This kind of job flexibility relates to both the local and the international job market. Moreover, a degree in finance gives you strong employment prospects because you will acquire a variety of highly transferable skills, such as critical thinking, numeracy, problem-solving, research and analysis that are extremely useful in the workplace. The transferable skills you will learn from finance program are sought after by a variety of employers, whether you are looking to pursue a related finance career, work within the finance departments of business organizations or become financial analysts, financial planners or portfolio managers at a certified level, or explore other fields.

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 students' academic performance requires a judgment of the quality of their work. In all cases, this assessment are governed by criteria that are explicit and communicated to students. More information on the assessment strategy and the general grading criteria of the College can be found in <https://www.acg.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-programs/>

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 DEREED 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 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

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	Assessment 1	Assessment 2 (if applicable)	Final assessment
EC 1000	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC 1101	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
BU 2003	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
AF 2007	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
MA 2021	Midterm examination 40%	Portfolio 10%	Final examination 50%
MA 2105	Midterm examination 40%	Portfolio 10%	Final examination 50%
FN 2127	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
FN 2128	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
PH 3005	Midterm examination 40%	Portfolio 10%	Final examination 50%
EC/FN 3046	Individual project 1,800-2,000 words, 40%		Final examination 60%
FN 3213	Individual project 1,700-2,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
EC 3270	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
FN 3437	Three assignments of equal weight, 600-800 words each, 60%		Final examination 40%
MG 3033			Business Plan 4,500 - 5,000 words, 90%; Business Plan Presentation 10%
AF 3104	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
AF 3116	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
AF 3131	Midterm examination 30%		Final examination 70%
EC 3134	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
FN 3219	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC 3225	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC 3226	Group project 2,800-3,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
EC 3232	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC/AF 3240	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC 3324	Midterm examination 40%		Final examination 60%
EC 3342	Group project 2,800-3,200 words, 50%		Final examination 60%
EC/FN 4129	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
FN 4955	Three group assignments of equal weight, up to 1,000 words each, 60%		Final examination 40%
FN 4980			Dissertation, 9,500-10,000 words and presentation 100%
EC/FN 4007	Individual project 3,800-4,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
EC/FN 4009	Individual project 3,800-4,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%

FN 4045	Midterm examination 50%		Final examination 50%
AF 4045	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
AF 4096	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
MG 4173	Individual project 1,800-2,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
AF 4207	Essay 1,400-1,600 words 30%	Midterm examination 30%	Final examination 40%
AF 4242	Individual Essay 1,500-1,650 words, 30%	Essay presentation 10%	Final examination 60%
CS 4267	Midterm project 40%		Final examination 60%
AF 4323	Individual project 1,800-2,200 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
EC/FN 4430	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 40%	Project presentation 10%	Final examination 50%
FN 4451	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
FN 4452	Individual project 2,600-2,800 words, 50%		Final examination 50%
FN 4535	Individual spreadsheet 30%		Individual report 2,000-2,200 words, 70%

3.2 Giving your Feedback on 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/ Chief Academic Officer, and other student surveys. Informal feedback is also welcome at any time either via your instructor, your Department Head or your Programme Coordinator.

School of Business and Economics Programme Committee

The School of Business and Economics 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 of the School. This ensures that the student community has a voice in decisions about curriculum, teaching and learning, and the development of the School of Business and Economics.

Student Academic Society

Students are encouraged to engage with the Academic Society of the Finance programme for conveying, or remaining informed about, any issues and developments related to their studies or student life in general. Please also see Section 2.7 of this document.

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.

Senior Exit Survey

Student feedback comprises an integral part in the continuous development and success of School of Business and Economics 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 Economics 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 and Economics faculty team. 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 on 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, Programme Coordinator 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

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 or Programme Coordinator, 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 programme 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/ Programme Coordinator and the 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 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, Department Heads and Programme Coordinators. 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, Appendix D – Regulatory Framework).

3.8 Complaints Procedure

Complaints are specific concerns about the provision of a course / module or a programme 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 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 programme 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 DERE-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) 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 email 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 brings US and international students to Athens but also sends Deree students to partner universities in the US and in other countries. The Study Abroad Programme is open to all undergraduate students. Students have the opportunity to take a semester of study with an international partner university. The College is proud to be partnering with a select number of institutions including Northern Arizona University, Mercy College, Texas A&M, Kingsville, University of Utah, and many other universities around the globe.

5. What to do if you.....

5.1are 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).

5.2are 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.

5.3have 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/ Programme Coordinator. 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).

5.4are 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.

5.5need 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

Class attendance is mandatory. Attendance and performance in class are closely correlated. Lack of attendance necessarily means that a student has not achieved the desired learning experience that course requires.

For purposes of mitigating circumstances, such as illness or other serious matters, the College allows students to miss up to 20% of class time. This applies to all courses. For certain courses instructors could take absences into account and lower a student's grade based on the marking criteria and learning outcomes of the course.

Absence from a class does not exempt a student from completing the work for that class. Students who have exceeded the 20% threshold of absences for serious mitigating circumstances will be referred by the instructor to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar will in turn inform the Committee on Academic Standards and Policies (CASAP) 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/or receive an F grade).

The only mitigating circumstance related to health, acceptable for excusing absences beyond the maximum is hospitalization. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the number of absences in each course or module.

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.

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 DEREЕ faculty for DEREЕ 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 programme 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.

Special Needs

You are expected to declare any special needs that would affect your safety in the event of a fire or earthquake, e.g. hearing impairment or the use of a wheelchair. Students with special needs must declare their special need, 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

According to Greek law, smoking is prohibited in all educational institutions. All types of smoking, including vaping, are prohibited in all indoor and outdoor College areas.

Additional documentation:

- The **Undergraduate Online Catalog** (including Regulations for Validated Awards of the Open University) can be found at: <https://www.acg.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-programs/>
- The **Finance Programme Specification** document is accessible via Blackboard CMS

Useful Information & Links

- The American College of Greece: <http://www.acg.edu>
- Blackboard CMS: [Blackboard Learn \(acg.edu\)](#)
- MyACG portal: <http://www.campusweb.acg.edu/ICS/>
- Student Success Center, Email: ssc@acg.edu