### Charles Sturt University

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### Some reasons for studying Applied Finance at CSU:

- upskill and update qualifications
- the course is analytical, investigative, research based and uses industry recognised technical skills
- finance is truly global and transcends all types of organisations, providing mobility throughout your career
- this course offers great opportunities for a varied and interesting career
- exciting workshop opportunities are available for networking and industry relevance
- the course is designed by industry, for industry.



## Master of Applied Finance Graduate Certificate in Finance

#### What are CSU's Applied Finance programs?

Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Master of Applied Finance and Graduate Certificate in Finance have been designed to meet the needs of the finance industry and financial service professionals. Offered by distance education with all study materials provided online, the courses blend the best in current finance theory with industry practice.

In the Graduate Certificate in Finance you will be introduced to the application of analytical and decision-making techniques in finance. You will also learn about the institutional environment in which financial decisions are made.

The Master of Applied Finance extends the knowledge and competencies acquired in the Graduate Certificate in Finance, enabling you to develop your understanding of the finance discipline.

#### Why study Applied Finance at CSU?

**Meeting the needs of industry:** CSU's Finance courses are designed specifically to provide the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Our lecturers have a wide range of industry experience and our courses are designed and continually reviewed with input from industry experts.

**Excellence in subject content and flexibility:** CSU's course structure provides streamlined options to deliver the best possible Finance course and career outcomes. Elective options are available from a host of postgraduate finance and business subjects to cater to your interests and career. Students in the Master of Applied Finance complete a final subject, Strategic and Contemporary Financial Issues, which brings together knowledge gained in earlier subjects to consider contemporary and strategic finance issues in detail.

**Experts in distance education:** CSU is a recognised leader in providing high quality tertiary education around the world. Distance education is our specialty. As well as applying an appropriate mix of conventional and online materials, we also understand the importance of personal support and flexibility and develop our programs and learning resources accordingly.

**Interactive learning environment:** Students study online with the latest interactive material. Extensive leaning support is provided including real time video forums and face-to-face workshops to support students' learning, providing students with an all-round learning experience.

#### What specialisations are available?

CSU's Master of Applied Finance includes specialisations in:

- Banking
- Financial Planning

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"Through the International Financial Management subject I have learnt a great deal in terms of the issues for multi-national corporations and how they can manage their risks. While this isn't completely related to my field of work (financial planning), it has definitely been useful and answered questions I've always had in relation to how firms anticipate and manage their risks and the factors they consider when setting up and dealing with foreign subsidiaries. Overall I found this subject exceedingly relevant for the business world we operate in today."

James Marshall, CSU student

"CSU's Master of Applied Finance provides a current, industry relevant finance curriculum taught by leading academic and industry practitioners."

Harvey Kalman, Head of EQT Corporate Fiduciary and Financial Services Equity Trustees

#### **Career opportunities**

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Finance and Master of Applied Finance provide graduates with many exciting career opportunities. Both courses meet the training requirements of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and are fully articulated to develop advanced analytical and decision-making skills in finance required at senior management levels.

CSU's Finance courses can open new pathways for graduates seeking growth and advancement in their current organisations, or those looking for a career in finance, financial institutions management and funds management.

#### **Course structure**

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Finance consists of four subjects. You will complete:

- FIN516 Corporate Finance
- FIN530 Money and Capital Markets
- two electives

On completion of the Graduate Certificate in Finance, students receive full credit into the Master of Applied Finance, and will undertake:

- ACC585 Financial Statement and Business Analysis
- FIN535 Strategic and Contemporary Financial Issues
- an additional six electives.

Electives are drawn from a comprehensive list of finance subjects. Visit: www.csu.edu.au/finance

#### Credit

Credit into the Master of Applied Finance will be available for completion of the Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning through the International Institute of Technology (iiT).

#### **Professional recognition**

The course has been prepared to meet the requirements of industry, including ASIC's RG146 and the Financial Planning Association (FPA). In addition, you may apply to the FPA for advanced standing for units CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4 of the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® (CFP®) Certification Program that leads to the CFP® designation.

#### **Further information**

For more information, including how to apply, phone 1800 334 733 or visit: www.csu.edu.au/finance



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