

<b>Subject Code</b>	AF6309
<b>Subject Title</b>	Frontiers in Finance Research
<b>Credit Value</b>	1
<b>Level</b>	6
<b>Normal Duration</b>	1-semester
<b>Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	Nil
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This subject contributes to the achievement of the programme outcome by sharpening students' ability to conduct applied research and innovation by critically applying knowledge and scientific skills within their academic discipline and formulating sophisticated solutions as critical thinkers (Outcome 1).</p> <p>This subject will expose students to core empirical methodologies and current issues of research and development in finance.</p>
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn the current research topics in finance.</li> <li>Develop the skills to identify interesting research problems in finance.</li> <li>Gain the ability to conduct empirical analysis to tackle problems in finance.</li> <li>Understand how research can improve business practices in finance.</li> </ol>
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<p>The focus will be on current research directions in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical methodologies in finance</li> <li>▪ Corporate finance Topics</li> <li>▪ Financial institutions</li> <li>▪ Fintech, big data, and AI in finance</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The list of topics will be updated regularly to reflect the latest development of finance research.</i></p>
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	<p>This subject will use a combination of lectures, student participation, and class discussions.</p>

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)		
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	<b>Continuous Assessment*</b>	<b>100 %</b>			
1. Class Presentation Discussion	40%	✓	✓	✓	
2. Individual Written Report	60%	✓	✓	✓	
Total	100 %				
<p><i>*Weighting of assessment methods/tasks in continuous assessment may be different, subject to each subject lecturer.</i></p> <p><b>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</b></p> <p>Students are expected to show their understanding of the empirical methodologies and issues related to the research in finance through assessments that involve active class participation and discussions, particularly focusing on students' presentations. Immediate feedback from the subject lecturer is also provided following the presentations, fostering a collaborative learning environment. In addition, students must submit an individual written report to showcase their understanding of the subject matter. Ideally, the report aims to serve as a building block of students' dissertation, such as a research proposal.</p> <p>To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Pass in the Continuous Assessment components.</p>					
<b>Student Study Effort Expected</b>	Class contact:				
	▪ Lectures				10Hrs.
	Other student study effort:				
	▪ Reading Assignment				25Hrs.
	Total student study effort				35Hrs.
<b>Reading List and References</b>	<p>“The Economist’s Craft: An Introduction to Research, Publishing, and Professional Development” by Michael S. Weisbach.</p> <p>Research papers in the finance field leading academic journals.</p> <p>Lecture notes on core empirical methodologies in finance.</p>				