

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE		
MODULE CODE	AC2015 (L5)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT		

MODULE AIMS

This module gives an insight into the role of finance in contributing to a more sustainable and robust worldwide economy. The students learn about the burdens and trends characterizing the current financial system and examine the strategic business consequences of social and environmental challenges. Students also understand the essence of sustainable finance and how this creates opportunities and drives long-run business outcomes.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

The module begins with an introduction to sustainable finance, continues with the ways of how capital can be invested to ensure that the future is sustainable. Then, the module looks at the different approaches and strategies that are suitable for sustainable finance and at the same time appraises risk and return associated with this. Sustainable finance solutions are another topic to be examined and evaluated. Additionally, the importance of the public sector in maintaining and promoting sustainability is highlighted. The range of financial policy instruments and initiatives and their potential with regard to integrating sustainability into financial policy and supervisory frameworks are then analysed. Finally, the trends and future of sustainable finance along with matters involving disruption and innovation are examined.

The module will draw on examples and case studies from various countries and different thematic areas including green bond markets, the global governance architecture for sustainable finance, long-term sustainability risk assessment, and the role of central banks and financial supervisory authorities.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Gain an insight into the sustainability challenges facing business and systems.
2. Identify the different actors involved in sustainable finance, including central banks, financial supervisory authorities, national and multilateral development banks, corporate banks, and institutional investors.
3. Understand how sustainability is changing financial systems to support and advance the society and the business.
4. Evaluate the different tools and frameworks to respond to risks posed by sustainability issues.
5. Comprehend the influence that individuals have on organisation's success through implementing sustainable finance strategies.

TEACHING METHODS

The module will be delivered by means of weekly lectures and seminars. Seminar questions usually will deal with miniature case studies covering the subject matter of the previous lecture. In this way, students will gain experience of the practical applications of the theory of sustainable finance. Students will be expected to prepare the case study prior to the seminar and to be prepared to participate in seminar discussions.

This strategy is designed to give the students proficiency in the technical and computational aspects which are fundamental to competence in this subject. The coursework element will comprise an extended study and report based on an individual company which will be designed to enable each student to work independently, whilst incorporating consideration of events in the current and previous year. These actions have the goal to develop graduate attributes of planning and implementation, research skills, problem solving, awareness of events affecting financial markets, communication and reflection.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one Essay and one Examination.