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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Alternative Investments

Reference	BSM704	Version	3
Created	February 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	June 2013	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

This module aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to critically evaluate various alternative investment products.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Explain the characteristics of forwards, futures, options and swaps.
- 2 Analyse the structure of global derivatives markets.
- 3 Assess the value of derivative instruments by applying various pricing models.
- 4 Apply derivatives to hedge, speculate and arbitrage and critically evaluate the risk and benefits of such application.
- 5 Critically evaluate investments in commodities, real estate, investment companies, hedge funds and private equity.

### Indicative Module Content

An Overview of Alternative Investment Products; The Structure of Global Forwards, Futures, Options and Swaps Markets; Types of Forwards, Futures, Options and Swaps; Price Forwards, Futures, Options and Swaps; Apply Derivatives to Speculate, Hedge and Arbitrage; Evaluate Investments in Commodities, Real Estate, Investment Companies, Hedge Funds and Private Equity.

### Module Delivery

This module will be delivered through lectures & tutorials.

**Indicative Student Workload**

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	45	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	105	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

**Component 1**

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	30%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Closed book class test				

**Component 2**

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	70%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 3, 4, 5
Description:	Closed book exam				

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

The Module is assessed by two components: C1 - Examination - 30% weighting. C2 - Examination - 70% weighting. Module Pass Mark = Grade D (40%)

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>A</b>	At least 70% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>B</b>	At least 60% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>C</b>	At least 50% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>D</b>	At least 40% on weighted aggregate and at least 35% in each component
<b>E</b>	At least 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>F</b>	Less than 35% on weighted aggregate
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	None in addition to SCQF11 entry requirement or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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