

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Sustainable Finance

Reference	BSM028	Version	2
Created	January 2024	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	June 2022	SCQF Points	15
Amended	March 2024	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop an understanding of the importance of sustainable finance and environment, social and corporate governance (ESG) considerations in making investment decisions in the pursuit of sustainable economic growth within the wider context of sustainable development, climate change, and the net-zero economy.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Appraise how capital markets work and their interface with the real economy.
- 2 Critically analyse the link between the economy and sustainability issues.
- 3 Appraise investment risks and opportunities across different asset classes, investment approaches and financial actors from a sustainability perspective.
- 4 Critically evaluate how financial policy instruments and initiatives may help mitigate the impact of climate change.

Indicative Module Content

Capital markets, investment theory frameworks, environmental risk and financial markets, investment theory frameworks, financial policies and risk mitigation.

Module Delivery

The module is delivered in On-Campus mode by lectures, interactive group work and directed self study. The module is delivered in Online mode by synchronous seminars and self-directed learning from web-based learning materials, supported by discussion forums and online engagement.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	30
Non-Contact Hours	120	120
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<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:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Report				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module is assessed by one component: C1 - Coursework - 100% weighting. Module pass mark = Grade D

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- La Torre, M., and Chiappini, H., (2021) Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Finance : financial products and financial institutions, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke.