

SHORT & CERTIFICATE COURSES

WITS PLUS

INTRODUCTION TO INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Join us on the Wits Campus for our evening class, *Introduction to Investment and Finance*, offered over 14 weeks in two hour weekly sessions.

The course is offered in lecture/ seminar format with Wits financial specialist lecturers and invited guest lecturers from diverse financial markets guiding you through the programme.

Learn how financial markets work and how business enterprises are structured. Read and interpret financial statements. Contextualise the economic and political climate for investment. Understand the regulatory and tax frameworks of the South African financial environment. Gain a solid grounding in providing investment advice to clients.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to introduce participants to essential concepts and techniques in Investment and Finance and aims to provide an understanding of financial institutions and investment parameters in South Africa. The course aims to improve the level of competency of financial practitioners, investors and participants.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE?

The investment and finance course will benefit people with financial assets wishing to become knowledgeable investors. Career-minded people in banking, insurance, finance houses and the financial services industry will engage actively with all concepts used. Individuals who provide any type of financial advice could find this course useful.

STRUCTURE & TIMETABLE

This course comprises a series of 12 weekly lectures (each of two hours' duration) held on Braamfontein Campus West at the University of the Witwatersrand.

COMMENCEMENT DATES

Semester 1:

February: Wednesdays 17:30 – 19:30

Semester 2: July: Wednesdays 17:30 – 19:30

Detailed course outlines will be given to participants in the first lecture.

SYLLABUS

- The development of the South African economy
- Law and Investments
- South African investment markets
- Investment Theory
- Equity markets
- Fixed interest markets
- Introduction to Taxation and investments / Exchange control
- Futures, options and derivatives

- Regulation of South African financial markets
- Advising investors
- Understanding and interpreting financial statements.

The course is limited to 60 participants, and a minimum registration of 10 students is needed to offer this course.

WHO ARE THE LECTURERS?

The courses will be taught by Wits staff members in a small group environment in lectures and tutorials. Interactive discussion will be integral to these courses. The course will be lectured by high quality lecturers from the School of Economics and Business Sciences.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Matric and participants need to be familiar with the use of a financial calculator and would normally be expected to be working in the financial sector, or have a strong interest in active management if their own investments and finances.

OUTCOMES & COMPETENCIES

To improve the level of competence of participants in the financial markets of South Africa.

ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE

Students will be required to attend the lectures, undertake tutorial work, submit an assignment, write a test and an examination. Students will be required to achieve a minimum of 50% to satisfy the requirements of the programme and receive a certificate of competence.

FEES & METHOD OF PAYMENT

R12 155, inclusive of prescribed textbook.

The fees for all courses are the responsibility of the individual attending the course. All fees must be paid prior to registration. Payment can be made by electronic payment or bank deposits. You will then need to bring your original proof of payment to Registration day, dates provided on the acceptance letter.

CANCELLATION OF COURSES

Wits Plus courses offered over one semester:

- Cancellation before commencement of lectures will result in an administration fee of 15% of the total course fee regardless of the reason.
- Cancellation after commencement of lectures will result in liability for the full amount of the course fees regardless of the reason.

CAMPUS ACCESS

All short course participants are issued with a Visitors Access Card at a cost of ±R140. Parking disc fees also apply: arrangements need to be made with the parking office. You may park in student parking on the Braamfontein Campus West.

Note: Wits Plus, University of the Witwatersrand, reserves the right to withdraw a course from its programme should registrations not reach viable numbers. In this event a full refund will be made. Refund requests will take a minimum of 30 working days to be processed after all documentation has been received.