

MSc Corporate Finance

Programme Handbook 2026-27



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Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the MSc Corporate Finance in the J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics at the University of Galway, and we hope your time here will be enjoyable.

This handbook should cover any queries you may have regarding issues about the programme, as well as giving guidance on other related issues in the University.

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Programme Objectives

The MSc Corporate Finance is designed to equip you with analytical and decision-making skills relevant to the finance industry. It combines specialist knowledge, practical insight, and an advanced understanding of corporate finance theory and practice.

On successful completion of the programme, you will be able to apply effective decision-making to global business problems; Identify, analyse and solve applied problems in individual and team-based settings; Evaluate and apply tools in the core business disciplines of Finance, Accounting and Economics to solve technical problems and contribute to solving strategic problems; Analyse and evaluate corporate finance and investment problems using appropriate techniques, practices, and theories; Critically analyse and interpret how global financial markets and investment firms operate; Develop analytical, ethical and communication skills to contribute to both personal and organisational development.

Programme Structure

The programme is offered on a full-time basis over one academic year. The programme consists of lectures, practical classes, seminars and projects. The work placement option offers students the opportunity to apply their programme learning in a practical context.

Marks and Standards

To be eligible for the award of the MSc Corporate Finance, candidates must complete modules to a total of 90 ECTS. Students must pass all modules. The pass mark in each module is 40%.

Award of Honours

Honours are awarded only on completion of the programme according to the following scheme:

- H1 70% on the aggregate
- H2.1 60% on the aggregate
- H2.2 50% on the aggregate
- H3 40% on the aggregate

Honours are awarded only on the aggregate performance at an Examination as a whole. Honours are not awarded based on results obtained in individual modules.

Module Weightings

Semester 1	CORE	ECTS
AY5106	Accounting for Management	5
AY5108	Intermediate Corporate Finance	5
AY5131	International Financial Reporting and Analysis	10
EC5104	Applied Portfolio Management	10

Semester 2		ECTS
Core		
AY5109	Advanced Corporate Finance	5
EC5119	Derivatives and Risk Management	10
MG5113	Business & Society	5
Elective Modules - Choose 20 ECTS (subject to availability)		
AY5141	Accounting and Management Control for Sustainable Organizations	5
AY5122	Advanced International Financial Reporting and Analysis	5
AY5142	Sustainable Accounting, Finance and Governance	5
AY5134	Ethics, Data Analytics and Statistics	5
EC5124	Economics and the Global Economy	10
Plus either		
AY5128	Summer Schools in A&F: Contemporary Global Issues	20
or		
AY5129	Corporate Finance Placement	20

Semester and Exam Dates 2026-27

Term and Exam Dates 2026-27

Semester 1	Date From	Date To
Teaching	Monday 7th September	Friday 27 th November
Study Week	Monday 30 th November	Friday 4 th December
Semester 1 Exams	Monday 7 th December	Friday 18 th December
Semester 2	Date From	Date To
Teaching	Monday 11 th January 2027	Friday 2nd April 2027
Study Week	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 16 th April 2027
Semester 2 Exams	Tuesday, 19th April 2027	Thursday 6 th May 2027
August repeat exams	Tuesday 4th August 2027	Friday 13 th August 2027
Holidays		
Christmas	23 rd December 2027	Monday, 11 th January 2027
Easter	Good Friday, 26 th March 2027	Easter Monday 29 th March 2027
Public Holidays	Monday 26 th October 2027 Monday 1st February 2027 St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday 17 th March 2027 Monday 3rd May 2027	

Please note – Summer Schools run after Semester 2 exams (approx. early May to early July) and results for these are released at the same time as Autumn Repeat Exams & overall programme award result, approx. Mid-September 2027.

Teaching Staff

Please find below the contact details of your lecturers throughout the year - this list is subject to change. Please find below, contact details of your lecturers throughout the year - this list is subject to change

Module Code	Module	Lecturer	Email
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AY5109	Advanced Corporate Finance	Dr. John Nolan	nolanj@universityofgalway.ie
AY5141	Accounting and Management Control for Sustainable Organisations	Prof Breda Sweeney Dr. Patricia Martyn	Breda.sweeney@universityofgalway.ie Patricia.martyn@universityofgalway.ie
AY5122	Advanced International Financial Reporting and Analysis	Ms Natasha Caulfield	Natasha.Caulfield@universityofgalway.ie
AY5128	Summer Schools in A&F: Contemporary Global Issues	Ms. Sharon Cotter Dr Orla Lenihan Dr Rehman Mian Ms Mary Barrett	Sharon.cotter@universityofgalway.ie Orla.lenihan@universityofgalway.ie Rehman.mian@universityofgalway.ie Mary.barrett@universityofgalway.ie
AY5129	Corporate Finance Placement	Dr. John Nolan	nolanj@universityofgalway.ie
AY5131	International Financial Reporting and Analysis	Ms. Sophie Sweeney	sophie.sweeney@universityofgalway.ie
AY5142	Sustainable Accounting, Finance and Governance	Dr. Orla Lenihan	Orla.lenihan@universityofgalway.ie
AY5134	Ethics, Data Analytics, and Statistics	Dr. Rehman Mian	rehman.mian@universityofgalway.ie
EC5104	Applied Portfolio Management	Mr. Cian Twomey	Cian.twomey@universityofgalway.ie
EC5119	Derivatives and Risk Management	Mr. Cian Twomey	Cian.twomey@universityofgalway.ie
EC5124	Economics and the Global Economy	Dr. Gerard Turley	gerard.turley@universityofgalway.ie
MG5113	Business & Society	Dr. Aine Ni L'eime	aine.nileime@universityofgalway.ie

Centre for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CELT) Materials

From the beginning of your program, you should make use of the following materials, which are recommended by the University's Centre for Excellence in Learning & Teaching (CELT) <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/centre-excellence-learning-teaching/>:

- A basic introduction to learning online: <https://www.allaboardhe.ie>
- Tools for learning (not solely in an online environment): https://www.allaboardhe.ie/AAlessons/learningtools/story_html5.html?lms=1
- Virtual learning environments (VLEs) / Learning management systems (LMSs): https://www.allaboardhe.ie/AAlessons/VLEstudent/story_html5.html

Library

Information on accessing the library can be found at <http://library.universityofgalway.ie>

The username and password for your Library account are the same as the username and password for your campus account, i.e., what you use to log on to the University network and for your email. For further information on the library, please visit "<http://www.library.universityofgalway.ie/> Training sessions on a variety of topics all designed to help you gain the skills of finding, evaluating and using information more efficiently are conducted in the library in semester I. a variety of topics all designed to help you gain the skills of finding, evaluating and using information more efficiently are conducted in the library in the semester.

Training and resources provided by the library can be found at <http://library.universityofgalway.ie/help/teach>

Academic Writing Centre

The AWC offers free one-on-one tutorials on essay writing for University of Galway students. Last year, AWC tutors helped over 500 students to overcome recurrent problems with grammar, punctuation, spelling, and essay structure. The AWC offers help and encouragement along the way. Everyone is welcome, regardless of level of experience or grade average. AWC tutors work with new entrants, final-year students, and postgraduates alike. More information on the Academic Writing Centre is available on the following link: <https://library.universityofgalway.ie/awc/>

Computer Facilities (ISS)

The Information Solutions and Services Department provides a comprehensive range of ICT services for students. Please visit <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/information-solutions-services/services-for-students/> for further information on computer services.

Canvas

Canvas is the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) used at the University of Galway. All course materials, timetables, lectures and tutorials, tutorial groups, course outlines, course assignments, announcements and discussion groups will be made available on Canvas. Canvas services for students can be found by visiting the following link: <https://universityofgalway.instructure.com/courses/27585>

Career Development Centre

The [Career Development Centre](#) (CDC) aims to provide students of the University of Galway with quality career guidance and information service focused on facilitating and empowering them to manage their career development and make effective career transitions. Support is provided on **Employability, Guidance and Opportunities**.

A large number of [events](#) are held each semester and have many graduate employers on campus. Students and recent graduates can use <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-services/careers-and-jobs/> to view events, job/internship/funding opportunities and students can also use it to book an appointment with a member of the CDC team.

J.E. Cairnes School of Business Student Advisor

The primary role of the Student Advisor is to look after the welfare and well-being of our students throughout their university experience. Please feel welcome to contact the student advisor at: businessstudentadvisor@universityofgalway.ie if you have any worries or concerns. More information at the following link: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/businessstudentadvisor/>

Academic and Wellness Support

Being involved in a society, club or volunteer programme is a fun and interesting way to meet new people and build friendships. Having a sense of belonging and connection with others is a proven way to help you mentally and physically in your learning journey. You will find some key University of Galway student support services at the links below. of Galway student support services at the links below.

Student Services: <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-services/z>

Student's Union: Welfare and Equality Officer, 086 3853659 / www.su.universityofgalway.ie/ / su.welfare@universityofgalway.ie

Parking and Bicycles

You must get a temporary parking permit and/or permanent student permit before you park on the university grounds. Without the permit, you will be clamped, and the release fee is €80.00. **The clamping company makes no exceptions.** A Park and Ride facility is available from Dangan car park you will be clamped, and the release fee is €80.00. **The clamping company makes no exceptions.** A Park and Ride facility is available from Dangan car park

You will find all details on parking at the University at this link <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/buildings/parking.html>

Bicycle racks are at the back of the Cairnes Building.

The secure bicycle compound (see the [https://www.universityofgalway.ie/search-results/?q=cycling+map&submit=_for information](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/search-results/?q=cycling+map&submit=_for+information)) is located to the west of the Arts Science Building. Anyone with a valid in-date student/staff University ID card can access the compound. You must also swipe out. As part of ongoing improvements to cycle facilities, additional covered bicycle racks have been installed in several places around campus.

More information on cycling facilities at the university on the attached:

https://www.universityofgalway.ie/media/buildingsoffice/files/mapsrebranded2023/Cycling-Facilities_Galway-A4-Map_26012023.pdf

International Students - Before you arrive

The University of Galway looks forward to welcoming all International Students to Galway. These are the steps to take to ensure that your arrival goes as smoothly as possible:

Pre-Arrival Checklist	
1. Accept your offer	Refer to your offer letter for instructions on how to accept your offer. If you are not sure about how to accept your offer, please email internationaladmissions@universityofgalway.ie for postgraduate queries and internationalmarketingrecruitment@universityofgalway.ie for undergraduate queries.
2. Pay your deposit or tuition fee	Refer to your offer letter for instructions on how to pay any deposit that may be required by the University. The rules regarding payment and deposits may vary depending on the programme you have been accepted into. Your initial deposit will be deducted from your tuition fee, which can be paid in full before registration by Tuesday 18th August 2026 . Please see the following link for more information:
3. Purchase Health Insurance	Proof of medical expenses insurance is required for all non-EU students for immigration purposes. Please refer to the Health Insurance section of our website for more information.
4. Prepare your immigration/travel documents	All non-EU/EEA nationals are subject to immigration control at the point of entry to the Irish State, so please ensure you comply fully with Irish Immigration https://universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/offerholders/immigration/ and that you have all the required documentation ready for inspection by immigration officials. Immigration officials at your port of arrival may request documentary evidence from you that you will be
5. Review your Pre-Arrival Guide	Download the International Guide here , it has all the information you might need as you transition into life at the University of Galway.
6. Book your accommodation	Please refer to the accommodation section of our website for information on how to book student accommodation.
7. Make travel arrangements	Check How to Find Us for information and advice on getting to Galway.
8. Pack your things	Check out the list of useful items to pack for Galway. The most important thing to remember is to pack light. Make a list of things you will need to guide you through the first few weeks in Galway and discard everything else.
9. Plan your budget	It is important to understand all the costs involved, including tuition fees and day-to-day living costs . Budgeting is one of the key skills you will develop during your time at university and once you learn how to manage your money, you will be able to enjoy university life to the full.
10. What to Expect on Arrival into Ireland	At the port of entry, immigration officers will want to ensure you meet the entry requirements as an international student. Despite being already granted your visa, you need the following documents in your hand luggage • Photocopies of your passport. • Plane tickets. • Two copies of your offer and acceptance letters. • Copy of medical insurance policy.
11. Getting to Galway	Galway City is served by an extensive public transport service from Dublin, Shannon and Knock airports, including the following public transport options From Shannon: Bus Éireann: Ireland's most extensive national bus service provides a direct service from Knock Airport to Galway. Travel time is approximately 2 hours. provides a direct service from Knock airport to Galway. Travel time is approximately 2 hours. From Dublin: • Regular direct transfers from Dublin Airport operated by Bus Éireann: Ireland's most extensive national bus service and Citylink, with fully air-conditioned coaches and free Wi-Fi. Travel time is approximately 2 hours, 15 minutes. • Irish Rail offers a direct transfer from Dublin City. Travel time is 2 hours, 10 minutes (Note: Irish Rail does not provide a service from Dublin airport) From Knock: • Bus Éireann: Ireland's most extensive national bus service provides a direct service from Knock Airport to Galway. Travel time is approximately 2 hours. provides a direct service from Knock airport to Galway. Travel time is approximately 2 hours. Campus Entrances and Car Parking Click https://www.universityofgalway.ie/buildings/service-helpdesk/parking-get-to-around/ for a guide to the University of Galway campus entrances and parking. Galway campus entrances and parking. Bikeshare Click here for information Campus Maps • View Google Map of Campus

12. Mobile Sim Cards	Please ensure your mobile phone is unlocked and is compatible to accept an international SIM card. Your current network provider can provide you with your unlocking code. Your phone may be unlocked already; you can check this by putting in a different SIM card to your current network to see if it works. SIM cards are easily purchased in Galway City Centre from different providers.
13. Keep in touch :-)	We hope you find this pre-arrival section of our website useful in helping you prepare for your stay at the University of Galway. If you are unsure about anything, please contact the International Office. t: + 353 91 495277 e: international@universityofgalway.ie Additional information available https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/

Course Syllabi and Descriptions

AY5106 - Accounting for Management

The objective of this module is to facilitate students in developing and applying a comprehensive understanding of the role of management accounting information in business decision-making, especially the analysis of complex and unstructured decision situations in a strategic context. The module explores the role of management accounting information in supporting the strategic management processes in an organisation, including strategic cost management and strategic pricing. The module also addresses the design and application of costing systems (both traditional and innovative) in ways that recognise context-specific considerations of a technical, managerial, and cost-benefit nature.

AY5108 - Intermediate Corporate Finance

The objectives of this module are to facilitate students in developing and applying a comprehensive understanding of the role of corporate finance in investment and financing decision-making, especially the analysis of complex structured and unstructured decision situations in a strategic context. The module explores the role of finance theory and corporate finance tools and techniques in supporting the strategic capital investment and financing decision-making processes in an organisation.

AY5109 - Advanced Corporate Finance

The objectives of this module are to facilitate students in developing and applying a comprehensive understanding of the role of corporate finance in strategic financial decision-making contexts in financing and valuation decisions, considering risk. The module focuses on decision-making under conditions of uncertainty and requires consideration of theoretical and real-world conditions in financial decision-making in a strategic context. The module explores the role of finance theory and corporate finance tools and techniques in supporting strategic investment, financing and related decision-making processes in an organisation.

AY5122 - Advanced International Reporting and Analysis

The objectives of this course are to develop in students an awareness of the methods available for dealing with advanced problems of financial reporting, the ability to apply complex accounting standards to practical situations and to consolidate their ability to prepare and analyse company financial statements.

AY5128 - Summer Schools in A&F: Contemporary Global Issues

The objective of this module is to familiarise students with a range of contemporary global issues that influence how businesses operate, and how management both accounts for the stewardship of the business and assesses the management of organisational performance. This module will involve opportunities for students to gain a deeper understanding of these matters and be able to critically assess the implications these issues have for businesses and performance measurement. The module also aims to broaden students' skills in assessing organisational performance.

AY5129 - Corporate Finance Placement

There is strong evidence to suggest that placements and work experience are extremely valuable to students, both in terms of their academic performance in their chosen profession and enhancing their employability. In the MSc in Corporate Finance, we recognise that every student is different thus getting the 'fit' right between the student and the host company for placements is a priority for us. As placements are paid, employers regard students on this programme as real employees and expect them to bring value. Consequently, students are guaranteed to be challenged and supported simultaneously as they gain practical experience working in the world of corporate finance. From the start we encourage students to look within to acknowledge who they truly are, what they like to do, what makes them happy, what they are good at, what they would like to be good at and to acknowledge their values, desires and ambitions. And then we actively help students to seek and secure a position in a company where they will thrive and grow, both personally and as a finance professional, over a 10-week paid professional placement.

AY5131 - International Financial Reporting and Analysis

This course is intended to develop in students the skills necessary to prepare, interpret and use accounting and financial information in a business context. It is designed for students who have little or no previous knowledge of accounting. The course will provide a good foundation in Financial Accounting and Analysis and will also develop students' knowledge of the regulatory framework and ethical considerations which apply to international financial reporting. Students will enhance their ability to analyse financial statements by developing a conceptual understanding of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) covered, together with the ability to apply these standards to practical accounting problems and prepare and analyse financial statements.

AY5141 - Accounting and Management Control for Sustainable Organizations

The objectives of this module are to facilitate students in developing an ability to critically evaluate the conceptual and practical issues in the design of managerial control systems, including distinctive budgetary and non-budgetary mechanisms, divisional performance evaluation, and strategic performance management.

AY5142 - Sustainable Accounting, Finance and Governance

Sustainability is a global priority and finance professionals have a crucial role to play in enabling organisations to align profitability and sustainability. The objective of this module is to provide students with a knowledge of sustainability issues and the practices of sustainable finance and accounting. This module will explore how traditional corporate finance and

accounting techniques are applied in a sustainable context. In addition, students will gain an understanding of how environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria can inform decision-making and shape organisational strategies.

AY5134 – Ethics, Data Analytics and Statistics

The objective of this module is to develop students' analytical skills for a transformed accounting and finance profession. The module will focus on statistical analysis, professional standards of conduct, and general data analysis technology skills. Students will explore how to analyse quantitative data to make informed decisions.

EC5104 - Applied Portfolio Management

Successful portfolio management requires the development of a broad array of quantitative and qualitative skills, involving an analysis of both the investment instruments available in the capital market and the objectives and constraints of the ultimate investor. In addition, we will explore the linkages between portfolio management and modern risk management. This involves some interaction with the Semester 2 module EC568 Derivatives & Risk Management. We will also explore how to perform some of the quantitative analysis using Excel. This will be integrated into your year's work assignment. To facilitate your learning of Excel, a series of laboratory sessions will be scheduled later in the semester. Guest speakers from the financial services industry will give talks on aspects of portfolio management. Further details will be made available as the times and dates for these talks are confirmed.

EC5119 - Derivatives and Risk Management

This course is an introduction to modern derivatives and risk management. We begin by exploring the basic features of futures, swaps and options with an emphasis on economic intuition and understanding, although important quantitative techniques are developed. • We use the insights developed in these topics to examine some well-known examples of derivatives mishaps and recent applications of derivatives, including credit derivatives and weather derivatives.

EC5124 – Economics and the Global Economy

This module aims to increase students' understanding of economics and economic issues in the global economy. Topics include the scope of economics, global economic issues, methodology and economic models, the role of economic policy and policymakers, economic performance: measurement and analysis, and the economic and business environment. The aim of this module is to increase students' understanding of economics and economic issues in the global economy. Topics include the scope of economics, global economic issues, methodology and economic models, role of economic policy and policymakers, economic performance: measurement and analysis, and the economic and business environment.

MG5113 - Business & Society

The module provides a comprehensive overview of the intersection between business and society, including the challenges facing organisations as they pursue global business activities. Ethics in business has grown to be of increasing importance in the world of today, as companies have been placed in the moral spotlight by shareholders, consumers, employees and governments. The growing complexities of the global economy demand a broader and deeper view of the interaction between business and society than that offered by current management approaches that focus on reforming corporate behaviour. This module places business ethics in a richer contextual setting, focusing on the challenges that businesses must now confront, and exploring how these issues can be met by a rethinking of business models, goals and strategies. The course enables students to engage with contemporary social issues related to global business and gain an appreciation of these issues from the perspective of managers, government, citizens and consumers. The module incorporates academic, professional and industry input.

What is Plagiarism and how is it defined in the University?

A session on plagiarism will be scheduled in October. Attendance is obligatory

Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else's ideas and making out that you thought of these ideas yourself. This is a form of intellectual theft. In third-level colleges, plagiarism is a serious offence. It merits a severe penalty. In some colleges, the student loses all entire marks for that assignment. In other colleges, the student is brought before the disciplinary committee. You need to be aware of how serious an offence plagiarism is and take care to avoid it in your assignments, particularly in a thesis. Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else's ideas and making out that you thought of these ideas yourself. This is a form of intellectual theft. In third-level colleges, plagiarism is a serious offence. It merits a severe penalty. In some colleges, the student loses all entire marks for that assignment. In other colleges, the student is brought before the disciplinary committee. You need to be aware of how serious an offence plagiarism is, and take care to avoid it in your assignments, and particularly in a thesis.

Plagiarism is defined by the Academic Council of the University as follows:

1. Plagiarism is the act of copying, including or directly quoting from, the work of another without adequate acknowledgement. The submission of plagiarised materials for assessment purposes is fraudulent and all suspected cases will be investigated and dealt with appropriately by the University following the procedures outlined here [University of Galway Code of Practice for Dealing with Plagiarism located at <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/plagiarism>] and regarding the Disciplinary Code.
2. All work submitted by students for assessment purposes is accepted on the understanding that it is their work and written in their own words, except where explicitly referenced using the accepted norms and formats of the appropriate academic discipline.
3. Whilst some cases of plagiarism can arise through poor academic practice with no deliberate intent to cheat, this still constitutes a breach of acceptable practice and will be appropriately investigated and acted upon (See University of Galway Code of Practice for Dealing with Plagiarism at <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/plagiarism>).

The J. E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics has two plagiarism advisors, Dr. Anatoli Nachev and Ms. Mairéad Hogan, who are responsible for dealing with suspected and reported cases of plagiarism and acting per the University's Code of Practice for Dealing with Plagiarism. Please see for further details <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/plagiarism> for further details.

Examples of plagiarism of the work of other students

- Getting someone else to write your essay, report, assignment, or thesis.
- Taking material written by someone else, putting your name to it, and handing it in as your work.
- Copying bits and pieces out of the work of another student/author and including them in your essay, report or thesis without acknowledging the source.
- Take ideas, theories, direct quotations, diagrams, statistics, tables, photographs, and graphs from a published source or the Internet, and include them in your assignment without stating a source.
- Allowing another student to copy your work is also considered plagiarism, and both are subject to a penalty.
- Plagiarized work in group assignments or projects can be caused by the contribution of a single student, but the group submits and is therefore fully responsible for that. The penalty affects all students in the group.

Examples of plagiarism from published sources

- Direct quotation: Using the exact words of another person without giving them credit for it. Please note that if you use the exact words, you **MUST** enclose them in quotation marks **AND** cite the source using the appropriate style. Citing the source on its own is not sufficient.
- Paraphrasing: Putting someone else's ideas into your own words without giving them credit by citing the source for the ideas.
- Using statistics, tables or a graphic (diagram, figure, picture and so on) without citing a source.
- Summarising material from a source without acknowledging where the ideas came from.

Fair use: Remember, you cannot base your thesis on chunks of material "borrowed" from your reading materials. Instead, you must form your own opinions about the thesis topic and use your reading materials fairly to support your ideas, making sure to cite the sources of everything you use.

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use: another person's idea, opinion, or theory; any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings - any pieces of information whatsoever that are not common knowledge; quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words; or a paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words

Common Knowledge: A lot of information is considered "common knowledge", so you do not have to quote a source for it. For example, Galileo discovered that the earth goes around the sun. Up until his discovery, everyone thought that the sun circled the Earth. Even though this new idea was thought up by Galileo, we do not need to cite him as the source -

this information (fact) has become common knowledge, something that “everyone knows”. As a rule of thumb, any fact that you would be able to find in ten different books, you do not need to cite a source for it. Such facts are “common knowledge”.

You must, however, cite a source for any new facts; say for example recent information about the impact of global warming on the climate of Ireland. It is only facts that have become common knowledge that you can use without citing a source.

You must always cite a source for opinions - someone's point of view about a fact.

For example, if you are doing an assignment/report/thesis on a social issue, like equality in the workplace, you will probably draw facts from a range of published works, use ideas drawn from your own experiences, and may carry out some primary research like a survey based on a questionnaire. You will need to cite sources for all the opinions and facts taken from your reading materials and explain clearly what information comes from your survey.

Citation and Referencing

Remember, everything you write must be verifiable. If you cite no source for content in your assignment/report/thesis, this means you are claiming you thought of the ideas yourself. But fresh ideas are rare. Most of our ideas have already been thought of by someone else, or they are based on the ideas of someone else. You need to acknowledge that by citing a source for any ideas you find in your reading materials. You do this by in-text citation linked to a List of Works Cited, or a Reference List placed at the end of your thesis, essay, or report.

Each academic discipline has its own method for citing sources. You do not have to know all these different styles. Just be aware that they exist.

The following texts are useful for citing and referencing and are available in the University library and the University bookshop:

Pears, R. and Shields, G. (2004) “Cite them right: referencing made easy”, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, ISBN: 1-904794-02-5

Pears, R. and Shields, G. (2005) “Cite them right: the essential guide to referencing and plagiarism”, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, ISBN: 0-955121-60-4

Resources

The library has a series of guides on academic integrity, including information on what plagiarism is, how to avoid it, and good practices for citing and referencing. You are advised to familiarise yourself with these.

<https://libguides.library.universityofgalway.ie/c.php?g=653961&p=4591731>

You can earn a digital badge from All Aboard by completing this short online course on referencing, citations, and Publications.

<https://www.allaboardhe.ie/referencing/>

MSc Corporate Finance
Timetable - Semester 1, 2026/27 (DRAFT)

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00-10.00					
10.00-11.00			Programme Induction Week 1 ONLY CA005 – Cairnes Building		
11.00-12.00			Programme Induction Week 1 ONLY CA005 – Cairnes Building		
12.00-13.00					AY5131 International Financial Reporting and Analysis <i>AUC G002</i> <i>(MIA + MRF)</i>
13.00-14.00			AY5108 Intermediate Corporate Finance <i>Martin O'Tnuthail Theatre</i>	AY5108 Intermediate Corporate Finance <i>McMunn Theatre</i> <i>(MIA + CF)</i>	
14.00-15.00			AY5108 Intermediate Corporate Finance <i>Martin O'Tnuthail Theatre</i>	AY5131 International Financial Reporting and Analysis <i>AUC-G002</i> <i>(MIA + MRF)</i>	AY5106 Accounting for Management <i>D'Arcy Thompson Theatre</i> <i>(MIA + MRF)</i>
15.00-16.00		EC5104 Applied Portfolio Management <i>D'Arcy Thompson Theatre</i>		AY5131 International Financial Reporting and Analysis <i>AUC-G002</i> <i>(MIA + MRF)</i>	AY5106 Accounting for Management <i>D'Arcy Thompson Theatre</i> <i>(MIA + MRF)</i>
16.00-17.00		EC5104 Applied Portfolio Management <i>D'Arcy Thompson Theatre</i>			

17:00-18:00	AY5106 Accounting for Management (TUTORIAL) WEEK 3 Onwards <i>(MIA + CF) Recorded Session</i>		AY5108 – Intermediate Corporate Finance TUTORIAL - WEEK 3 Onwards <i>Thomas Dillon Theatre</i>		
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Buildings Legend: CA – Cairnes Building; ENG – Alice Perry Engineering Building; MY – Aras Moyola; McMunn, Dillon, D’Arcy Theatres– Concourse; CSB – Computer Science Building; AUC - Áras Uí Chathail

Programme Notes:

1. **Lecturer will advise dates of Workshops / Tutorials in advance of the coming week**
2. **AY5106 and AY5108 Tutorials will start in Week 3 from 22nd Sept 2026**

This is a draft timetable and is subject to change on a weekly basis – all changes will be advised through Canvas on Friday of the preceding week.

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