ECU44142 — Economics of Financial Markets

Module Information	
Module Code	ECU44142
Module Title	Economics of Financial Markets
Department	Economics
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr Paul Scanlon
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	10 ECTS
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	22 hours of lectures, 4 hours of tutorials

Module Content	
Module Description	This course is concerned with the pricing of financial assets, with the pricing and handling of risk, and with the place of the financial markets in the economy as a whole. For example, how might risk-averse investors choose an efficient portfolio of risky investments? Do stock market prices reflect all available information, or are they influenced by irrational waves of sentiment? This module assumes previous knowledge of financial economics
Module Learning Aims	Topics include the pricing of assets, uncertainty and the predictability of asset prices, the efficient market hypothesis, the possibility of bubbles and hedging against risk
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, you will be able to: 1. Synthesize a broad range of topics in modern finance; 2. Apply statistical techniques to judge the empirical performance of economic theories of financial markets. 3. Use financial models to appraise and analyse different asset classes
Indicative Reading /	Asset Management, Andrew Ang, Oxford University Press

Module Content	
Resources	(2014)

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Exam 80%, Assignment 20%
Assessment Details	Assignment will entail a paper review and extension

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	ECU33051, ECU33052, ECU33091, ECU33092 (or equivalents)
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	