

Faculty	Economic and Management Sciences			
Home Department	Finance			
Module Topic	Alternative Investments			
Generic Module Name	Alternative Investments 713			
Alpha-numeric Code	FIN713			
NQF Level	8			
NQF Credit Value	15			
Duration	Semester			
Proposed semester to be offered	Second Semester			
Programmes in which module will be offered	Postgraduate Diploma in Finance (1624)			
Year Level	8			
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module, a student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss risk-return features of various types of alternative investments • evaluate venture capital and leverage buy-out deals • assess and mitigate the risks of alternative investment vehicles • compare and contrast the performance of traditional and alternative investment options • analyse the performance of real estate, hedge funds, and private equity investment in South Africa and make recommendations • collect and analyse data to empirically test the portfolio diversification benefits of alternative investments vehicles 			
Main Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Real estate investment 2. Hedge funds investment strategies 3. Investment in private capital (equity and venture capital) 4. Investment in commodities 5. Formulation of investment strategies using alternative investments options 6. Seminar topics: managing risks of alternative investments, volatility of alternative investment types, real estate investment trusts, etc. 			
Pre-requisite modules	None			
Co-requisite modules	None			
Prohibited module Combinations	None			
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week		Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
Contact with lecturer / tutor:	36	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	3	
Assignments & tasks:	50	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0	
Practicals:	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	0	
Assessments:	10	<i>Seminars</i>	1	
Self-study:	54			
Other:	0			
Total Learning Time	150			
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 50% Final Assessment (FA): 50%			

Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)
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