

FIN3719 HOUSEHOLD FINANCE - Semester 1, AY2026-2027

Course Information

Day and Time: Friday 12:00-15:00; 15:00-18:00

Location: BIZ1 02-3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

A sound understanding of personal finance is important for everyone to make informed money decisions, avoid costly mistakes and achieve financial freedom.

The course provides an overview of personal finance topics and issues covering financial planning, credit management, insurance and investment planning, retirement planning (including govt schemes like CPF and SRS), estate planning, and consumer protection.

It offers students an introduction to the key aspects of financial planning. Doing so will empower them with the tools to chart their financial journey and achieve their life goals. Aside from learning the theory, students will be encouraged to participate actively in classroom discussions and will be given case studies that require them to apply their financial knowledge.

Reading List

Money Smart: Own Your Financial Destiny – Lorna Tan

(Straits Times Press, 2019)

Retire Smart: Financial Planning Made Easy – Lorna Tan

(Straits Times Press, 2018)

Final Grades

Your class grade will be calculated based on the following weights:

Class participation: 10%

Mid-term test: 30% (Test 1 will be held on **18 Sep 2026**)

Final test: 30% (Test 2 will be held on **6 Nov 2026**)

Group assignment/project: 30%

Course Policies

General

- You are encouraged to take notes. Do ask to wait before we move on if you need more time. Most of the time, you learn by taking notes.
- Questions related to the lecture materials should be asked during class. Email questions, excluding related to administrative issues, will often not be answered. Students often have similar questions. Asking questions publicly helps others master the materials as well.
- Please turn off your cell phone or to silent mode.
- You will be penalised for late submission of the assignments/project.
- Drinks and snacks are permitted.

Re-grading

Questions and concerns regarding grading (of assignments/tests) must be submitted in writing, along with the entire assignment. Any regrading request will result in the entire assignment to be re-graded.

This means that your score after re-grading can be below (or above) your original score. Re-grading requests will only be accepted within one week of the date of return of the graded item in question.

Returned paperwork, unclaimed by a student, will be discarded and assumed to be claimed by the student after four weeks and hence, will not be available should a grade appeal be pursued by a student following receipt of his/her course grade.

Academic Honesty & Plagiarism

Academic integrity and honesty are essential for the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. The University and School expect every student to uphold academic integrity & honesty at all times. Academic dishonesty is any misrepresentation with the intent to deceive, or failure to acknowledge the source, or falsification of information, or inaccuracy of statements, or cheating at examinations/tests, or inappropriate use of resources.

Plagiarism is 'the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own' (The New Oxford Dictionary of English). The University and School will not condone plagiarism. Students should adopt this rule - You have the obligation to make clear to the assessor which is your own work, and which is the work of others. Otherwise, your assessor is entitled to assume that everything being presented for assessment is being presented as entirely your own work. This is a minimum standard. In case of any doubts, you should consult your instructor.

Additional guidance is available at:

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/acceptance.html#NUSCodeofStudentConduct>

Online Module on Plagiarism:

<http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/>