



## INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE

<b>Credit points:</b>	<b>5 CP</b>
<b>The Abstract of the course</b>	Finance plays an important role in the economy and business development. Finance is a broad field. This includes national and international banking systems and business financing.
<b>The aim of the course</b>	The study course aims to create an understanding and knowledge of the financial field. To introduce students to the nature and importance of finance, their structure and operating principles of financial systems.
<b>Objectives of the course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop knowledge about finances, the financial system and their role in the economy and organizations;</li> <li>• introduce the basics of financial functioning in various fields of activity and the creation of financial resources;</li> <li>• introduce students to financial market participants and their functions;</li> <li>• introduce the state budget and its importance in the development of the national economy.</li> </ul>
<b>Study results:</b>	
<b>Knowledge</b>	
By completing this study course, students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the financial system, state budget planning, finance of organisations and investments.	
<b>Skills</b> (knowledge, communication, general skills)	
As a result of studying the course, students analyze the financial situation of an organization using the methods of financial analysis. Students calculate the financial indicators, identify financial problems and develop possible solutions for them.	
<b>Competence</b> (analysis, generalization and evaluation)	
As a result of the course, students apply financial analysis methods, interpret the obtained data and develop proposals for solving possible financial problem situations of the organization. Students understand the functioning and interaction mechanisms of the financial system, financial market, monetary system, the sources of formation of the state budget and their mutual relations.	
Content of the course:	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Topics</b>
1.	Introduction to the course. The essence of finance. Financial environment, principles of finance.
2.	The nature and role of the Financial system in the economy. Financial system components and financial functions. Participants of the Financial system and their characteristics.
3.	Money and Monetary system
4.	State finances. State financial planning and administration. The importance of the budget in the development of the national economy.
5.	Financial market, Financial institutions, Financial instruments
6.	Finance of an Organization and their Structure. Fundamentals of financial analysis.
7.	Investments
8.	Personal Finance, Behavioral Finance
<b>Exam form:</b>	The course ends with the developed project defence.
<b>Required reading:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blaine Robertson Corporate Financial Analysis / Blaine Robertson. - Amazon Fulfillment, 2019. - 141 p. Rīga</li> <li>2. Brigham E. Financial Management: Theory and Practice, 2nd Ed. / Ehrhardt Brigham. - Andover UK: Cengage Learning, 2018. - 638 [14] p.</li> </ol>	



3. Saksonova S. Finanšu informācijas un pārskatu praktiskā izmantošana uzņēmumu finanšu lēmumu pieņemšanā. I.K. "INFO TILTS". Rīga, 2012. 313 lpp
4. Saunders, A. Financial Markets and Institutions. 5 edition / Anthony Saunders, Marcia Millon Cornett. - 2012. - 850 p. (CD)

**Recommended reading:**

1. Frank J. Fabozzi The Basics of Finance: An Introduction to Financial Markets, Business Finance, and Portfolio Management (Frank J. Fabozzi Series)
2. Kavale, L. Budžets un finanses: mācību līdzeklis / Lūcija Kavale. - Rīga: LU Akadēmiskais apgāds, 2008. - 44 lpp.
3. Praude, V. Finanšu instrumenti. 1 (Ieguldījums, darījumi, analīze) / Valērijs Praude. - Rīga: Burtene, 2009. - 446 lpp.: il.
4. Praude, V. Finanšu instrumenti 2. Ieguldījumi, darījumi analīze / Valērijs Praude. - Rīga: Burtene, 2010. - 487 lpp.: il.
5. Reilly, Frank K. Investment Analysis Portfolio Management / Frank K. Reilly, Keith C. Brown. - 10th ed. - South-Western Cengage Learning, 2012. - 36 p.: exhib.
6. Rurāne M. Finanšu menedžments: mācību grāmata / Marita Rurāne. - Rīga: RSEBAA, 2005. - 384 lpp. - (Biznesa izglītības bibliotēka).

**Other information sources:**

1. BSA library databases: EBSCO
2. Finanšu nozares asociācija: <https://www.financelatvia.eu/par-mums/>
3. Finanšu ministrija: <https://www.fm.gov.lv/lv>
4. Magazine "Biznesam.lv" <https://www.biznesam.lv/zurnals>
5. Financial Management Association International (FMA) <https://www.fma.org/financial-management>
6. Žurnāls The Economist [www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com)