

## Financial institutions (F710415)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 3.0**

**Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026**

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Bachelor of Science in Business Administration](#)

[Preparatory Course Master of Science in Business Administration](#)

**crdts**

**offering**

3

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**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

Financial markets, financial products, financial institutions, credit institutions, banks, sustainable business operations

**Position of the course**

This course aims to provide a theoretical and practical overview of the characteristics of the major financial institutions, with special attention to the functioning of banks and credit institutions. The course also tries to make links with current events.

**Contents**

The course focuses mainly on the following topics:

- What are banks and what is the added value of banks
- The main products of banks (both investment products and credit products)
- The main risks of banks (both solvency and liquidity risks)
- Recent developments in the banking world (for example increasing focus on sustainability)
- Regulation of banks
- Financial analysis of banks and asset and liability management

**Initial competences**

The starting competences include knowledge of commercial and financial operations, macroeconomics and financial analysis.

**Final competences**

- 1 Having knowledge and understanding of the added value and working of banks
- 2 Having knowledge and understanding of the products of financial institutions and being able to link these to current events.
- 3 Having knowledge and understanding of the risks of financial institutions and being able to link these to current events.
- 4 To be able to adopt a critical attitude towards analyzing and evaluating events in the news about financial institutions.
- 5 Being able to lay the link between the learning content and events in the news

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

#### **Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

#### **Teaching methods**

Lecture

#### **Extra information on the teaching methods**

Lectures (online): presentation of the theoretical and practical concepts.

#### **Study material**

Type: Handbook

Name: Handel en Financiering De basisprincipes

Indicative price: € 50

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Author : Jos Meir

ISBN : 978-9-46393-392-6

Number of Pages : 400

Oldest Usable Edition : 2021

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

#### **References**

#### **Course content-related study coaching**

The student may ask questions and problems through three channels:

- After appointment

- Through mail

- Through discussion forum available on e-learning environment

Sample exam available on e-learning environment

#### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment with open-ended questions

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment with open-ended questions

#### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

#### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**