Personal Investment in an Uncertain World  

DB234

Presentation pattern  
October to March

Course description

Why, where and how should I invest? How are these decisions affected by economic uncertainty? What is the relationship between risk and return? These are some of the questions students will address in DB234 Personal Investment in an Uncertain World.

Investment planning requires financial decisions about the allocation of resources in a world of uncertainty. And these uncertainties affect the value of pensions, shares, and bonds. Students will learn how to understand the sources of uncertainty, the way that financial service providers adapt to it and how individuals form personal strategies to manage it.

Person specification

The person specification for this course should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a degree in economics, a relevant social science or a business-related subject
- alternatively, a relevant professional finance qualification equivalent to Level 5 in the National Qualifications Framework or Level 8 in the Scottish Qualifications Framework, or substantial relevant vocational experience in investment and personal finance, where in either case, practitioners can also demonstrate an understanding of the broader social and economic context
- an awareness of current issues and policies that affect personal investment decisions
- the ability to teach both personal investment issues and the broader social and economic context for those decisions
- enthusiasm to support students through developing their study skills and helping them to become independent learners.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 30

Number of assignments submitted by the student: 3

Method of submission for assignments: 1b

Level of ICT requirements: 2

Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 20

Salary band: 4

Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 5.5

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.