

Introduction to Investment 2025

16 weeks 2 hours per week



Overview

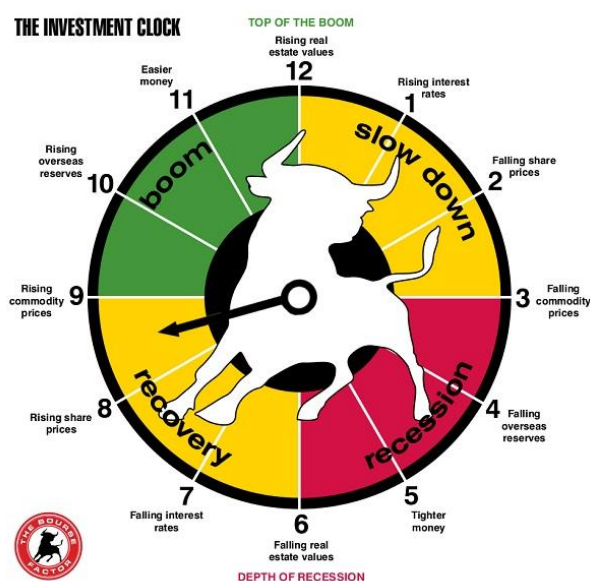
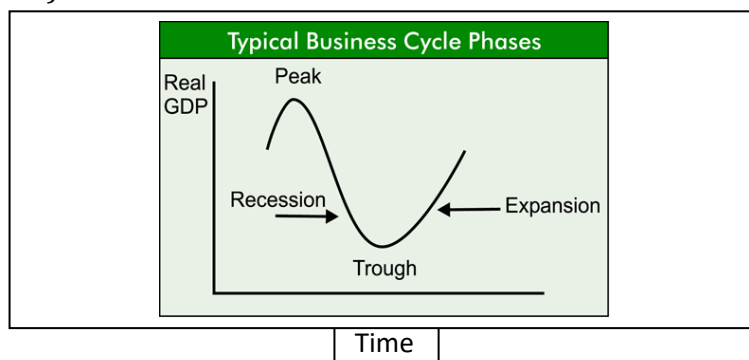
Learn the language of economics and business to understand:

- the Australian share market and world markets
- how the economy works
- your superannuation statement and investment options
- View, read and understand financial media such as the ABC business news, The Financial Review
- government policy statements
- financial and other scams
- reliable financial websites and resources

The course is not financial advice, it is general information only, and by enrolling you agree to this. You will NOT be asked for money.

Suggested materials: pen, paper, basic calculator, smartphone. Ideally but not essential; a laptop with Microsoft Excel

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Time Plan Semester One

Week	Content	Activity
1-3	Topic: Investments and Share Markets Part I Shares, property, bonds and fixed interest, Risk vs Reward What's a fair bet? Types of investment, Business cycle, Economic clock, circular flow of money, MorningStar financial returns by asset class 20 years, Supply and demand, exchange rates	Risk Reward role play – Fair bet graph Make predictions using the economic clock
4	Topic: Investments and Share Markets Part I cont. share watchlists	Enrol and create a watchlist in the free ASX Share trading competition on-going activity
5 - 7	Topic: Record keeping and understanding financial terms Learn to produce Simplified Cash Flow Statement, Income statement and Balance Sheet (a lot easier than it sounds) Understand terminology including: Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Income and Expenses. Profit does not equal Cash	Play games to simulate business transactions.
8	Scams and how to avoid and laugh at them. Explore government websites: Scamwatch, Moneysmart. Redress against financial institutions – how to scare them and get co-operation (Ombudsman, APRA, ASIC)	Financial football game Case studies from Scamwatch.gov.au
	Term break	
9 - 11	Topic: Investments and Share Markets Part II History of share markets; Causes and effects of Booms and Busts, Dutch Tulip crash 1637, South Sea Bubble 1711, 1929, 1987 GFC 2008 and 2020 COVID crash, 2025? Reading and making predictions using the Economic clock Yahoo finance using individual share information including analysts' opinions.	ASX game on-going
12 - 13	Topic: Investments and Share Markets Part II Choosing shares, Technical analysis and Fundamental analysis Company media announcements 'Bullshit Bingo' Using tools on a share trading account: NABtrade and Commsec platforms, reading and understanding the Business section of a major newspaper, Costs and benefits of different sources of business information: Trading programmes (scams), Google Finance, Business TV programs and on-line sources Yahoo finance usage continued	Case study: Warren Buffett Cont. ASX competition
14	Topic: Economics Reading a company annual report, Types of interest simple, compound, effective, internal rate of return. KIVA businesses in a developing countries	Revisit financial Football game
15-16	Topic: Principles of valuation applied to real estate Property valuation - Direct comparison with analysis of sales evidence (ANOSE) Real Estate scams	Case studies ASX competition ends