



Managing My Investments

A NEW COURSE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS IN THE AREA OF PERSONAL INVESTMENTS PRODUCED BY THE OPEN UNIVERSITY'S TRUE POTENTIAL CENTRE FOR THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF FINANCE (TRUE POTENTIAL PUFIN).

THE COURSE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND FREE OF CHARGE.

Overview

With **Managing My Investments**, you'll gain the skills to manage your investments: understand company performance, analyse portfolio risk and plan for your pension.

Managing My Investments attracted nearly 20,000 registrations for its first presentation on the social learning platform, FutureLearn, in summer 2015. The course received very positive feedback.

An incredibly high quality course, thank you for opening my eyes and educating me on investments and pensions! I am sure that in 40 years' time I will look back to this course and give my honest thanks again.

Diana Richards

I have really enjoyed this course and learned so much more than I imagined. I will certainly use this knowledge in the future.

Michael Bolland

About the course

How do you manage your savings and investments?

Are you investing money for the future – inside or outside a pension fund?

Do you find the array of investment products advertised in newspapers and the internet baffling?

What are the best choices for returns and what risks do they involve?

We have produced a 6-week course that aims to guide you through the investment maze to bring order and focus to your investment plans.

We'll look at how we in the UK currently fare when it comes to investing

We'll review the different types of investments available to you

We'll look at the strategies you should consider for your investment plans and at the ways you can measure the performance of your investments.

We'll examine how one key investment – your pension plan – fits into your overall investment strategy.

And we'll see how behavioural traits can risk you being driven off the best pathway for managing your investments.

At the end of the course you'll understand the investment landscape better. You'll be aware of the key principles of investment management. You'll understand how to measure the performance of an investment portfolio and how to avoid adverse behavioural biases that can interfere with rational investment decisions.

Overall you'll be better equipped to put your investments in order and to look forward to your financial future with greater confidence.



Where to find the course

With the generous support of True Potential LLP, this course was presented for the first time in Summer 2015 on FutureLearn.

The course will be presented again on FutureLearn during 2016. Follow this link to sign-up to the course:

www.futurelearn.com/courses/managing-my-investments

The course is also available on OpenLearn, the home of free learning provided by The Open University. Follow this link to find out more:

www.open.edu/openlearn/money-management/managing-my-investments/content-section-overview

What are the requirements?

This course is intended for anyone with an interest in developing their investment skills to make better decisions when buying investment products. The course does not require any previous experience of studying this subject.

The course is designed to run on desktops, tablets and mobile devices; however, some of the material is quite detailed and using a larger screen will enhance your experience. Materials are best viewed running the most up-to-date software available for your device and using the most recent version of the web browser.

What's in the course?

Week 1: Why and how should we invest for the future?

Week 2: The spectrum of personal investments

Week 3: Devising investment strategies – principles and practice

Week 4: Investment in practice: practices, styles, history and performance

Week 5: Investing for retirement: planning your pension

Week 6: Investment and human behaviour

Martin Upton is your educator and guide through the course. He is Director of the True Potential Centre for the Public Understanding of Finance, based at The Open University Business School. He'll meet you at the start of each week to tip you off about highlights and challenges, to remind you what you've learned and to help you make the most of these six weeks of learning to manage your investments.



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