

Course Information Sheet

Money Matters - Financial Literacy



Course Summary: Empower yourself financially! Gain essential money management skills in our 4-week Money Matters - Financial Literacy course and take control of your financial future.

Course Description:

Feeling overwhelmed by personal finance? This practical 4-week Money Matters - Financial Literacy course equips you with the knowledge and confidence to manage your money effectively. Learn from an experienced tutor about key financial concepts like budgeting, saving, investing, and debt management. Develop essential skills for creating a budget that works for you, setting realistic savings goals, and making informed financial decisions.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve your financial literacy, this course is your roadmap to financial security and peace of mind.

What will I learn?

The course is designed for a progressive learning experience over 4 weeks:

- **Week 1: Building Your Financial Foundation** - Explore core financial concepts like income, expenses, and net worth. Learn how to track your spending and identify areas for improvement.
- **Week 2: Budgeting & Savings Strategies** - Discover different budgeting techniques and tools to manage your income effectively. Learn how to set and achieve realistic savings goals for short and long-term needs.
- **Week 3: Understanding Debt & Credit** - Explore responsible credit card use, different types of loans, and strategies for managing debt effectively. Learn how to improve your credit score.

- **Week 4: Investing for the Future** - Gain an introduction to various investment options and develop a basic understanding of risk and return. Explore strategies for building wealth and planning for retirement.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative assessment:** Active participation in class discussions, case studies, and creating a personal budget will provide ongoing learning opportunities.
- **Summative assessment:** Course completion may involve a presentation showcasing your budgeting plan and a short essay on a chosen financial topic.

Who is this course for?

This course is ideal for anyone who wants to improve their financial literacy and take control of their money. It's perfect for young adults starting out, individuals seeking to manage debt, or anyone looking to make smarter financial decisions.

Progression Opportunities:

This course is a springboard for further exploration of personal finance. Consider enrolling in more advanced courses on investing, financial planning, or retirement planning. Explore online resources or workshops on specific topics like tax planning, responsible borrowing, or building an emergency fund.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

- Personal Finance Coach/Educator
- Budget Analyst
- Financial Advisor (with further qualifications)
- Loan Officer (with further qualifications)

How do I enrol?

The quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select 'Enrol now'. Alternatively, if you have any questions, please call our friendly customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsourcesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

