



9063 - Specialised Techniques in Technical Analysis

*9063 is a short course and will not credit towards Kaplan's Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and/or Master of Applied Finance.

Purpose

This subject introduces students to some of the most important and widely used specialised techniques in technical analysis. It develops skills in the construction, interpretation and application of specialised charting techniques with application to a variety of markets. It also introduces important theories that underlie some of these techniques. Practical examples are used to demonstrate the application of the techniques.

These techniques generally stand on their own, so students must refrain from mixing these concepts with the general concepts learned in *Technical Analysis (FIN231)*, beyond what the particular technique directs you to apply. Reference to FIN231 concepts will not be rewarded.

In this subject, students will also be asked to consider their analysis from the point of the 'adviser' rather than that of the 'trader'. The adviser role differs to the trader role only in that after all the trader issues have been considered, the adviser must prepare a report that justifies his analysis and strategies and convinces the client to accept the recommended course of action.

2011 Availability

Study period 1: 2nd May – 8th July, 2011.

Study period 2: 3rd Oct – 9th Dec, 2011

Study Modes

Distance education only

Assessment Method

- Assignment
- Examination

Further details about the assessment tasks will be provided following enrolment.

Important Information

Resource requirements

- Calculator
- Internet access

Recommended Knowledge

It is intended that students undertaking Specialised Techniques in Technical Analysis have first undertaken the subject Technical Analysis (FIN231). Students who believe that they have a thorough working knowledge of the content of FIN231 may enrol in Specialised Techniques in Technical Analysis, but do so on the understanding that:

- Parts of some topics in Specialised Techniques in Technical Analysis will refer to concepts taught in FIN231, such as the concept of trend, trend lines and support and resistance.
- No assistance will be given through the Helpline or in any other way, with material from FIN231.

The subject notes for FIN231 may not be purchased except by enrolment in that subject.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject students will be able to:

- describe key concepts in the specialised techniques and how they complement bar charting and indicator analysis
- construct and interpret the specialised chart types
- identify trends and turning points using the specialised techniques
- formulate and justify trading strategies based on the specialised

- techniques
- describe the role of technical analysis in the wider trading context.

Equivalent/s

Nil

Content

- Candlestick charting
- Ichimoku Kinko-Hyo Charting
- Steidlmayer distribution analysis
- Constructing point and figure charts
- One-box-reversal point and figure charting
- Three-box-reversal point and figure charting
- Fibonacci sequence and cycles
- Gann forecasting techniques
- Gann swing charting
- Elliott Wave Theory
- Money management, psychology and trading strategy