

CUSTOMIZED LEARNING

INTRODUCTION TO DERIVATIVES FUNDAMENTALS COURSE™ (IDFC)™

DEMYSTIFY DERIVATIVES - UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL INVESTMENTS IN THE INDUSTRY

The Derivatives Fundamentals Course (IDFC®) introduces you to the complex world of forwards, futures, swaps and options. Learn about the derivatives market from both a risk management and a trading perspective and jumpstart your career in this exciting market.

BENEFITS

- **The First Step to Earning Your Futures and/or Options License:** The IDFC™ plus the Options Licensing Course and/or the Futures Licensing Course satisfies a major proficiency requirement to become licensed to sell exchange-traded options and futures. You may also take the Introductory Derivatives Fundamentals and Options Licensing™ (IDFOL)™ course as a substitute for completing the IDFC™ and OLC (Options Licensing Course) to gain your options license.
- **Become a Derivatives Market Specialist:** Be recognized for your broad knowledge of derivatives products and strategies with the Certificate in Derivatives Market Strategies.
- **Qualify to Sell Managed Future Funds (Commodity Pools):** The IDFC™ fulfills the provincial securities commissions proficiency requirements for mutual funds representatives interested in selling Managed Future Funds.
- *Be registered as a Commodity Trading Advisor or Commodity Counsel or a Commodity Trading Manager: Contract for Differences can be sold to investors in Ontario and Quebec. To do so you must be employed by an IIROC member firm and successfully complete the FLC™ (Future's Licensing Course)™ and IDFC™ courses as well as hold a license as a Registered Representative.*

Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) (IIROC 's starting place for investors to make informed decisions. Research the background, qualifications and disciplinary information on advisors at IIROC-regulated firms by generating an IIROC Advisor Report.

WHO SHOULD ENROL

Enroll in the IDFC™ if you're:

- Interested in obtaining a license to sell derivatives
- Looking for CE (Continuing Education) credits
- Seeking general derivatives knowledge
- Are working towards your Certificate in Derivatives Market Strategies
- Are working towards your Certificate in Equity Trading and Sales
- Are working towards your Certificate in Fixed Income Trading and Sales

COURSE LEADS TO THE FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS:

CERTIFICATE IN DERIVATIVES MARKET STRATEGIES

CERTIFICATE IN EQUITY TRADING AND SALES

CERTIFICATE IN FIXED INCOME TRADING AND SALES

INTRODUCTORY DERIVATIVES FUNDAMENTALS COURSE (IDFC®)

UNDERSTAND THE WORLD OF DERIVATIVES

The IDFC® provides a general understanding of derivatives, such as forwards, futures, swaps and options, and their use by investors and corporations.

LEARN ABOUT:

- Derivatives what they are, types, where they trade, etc.
- Key differences between exchange-traded and over-the-counter products
- Exchange-traded options, pricing, hedging, speculating
- OTC (Over The Counter) options like caps, floors, collars and exotics
- Swaps including basic features, role of the swap dealer, and types
- How investment funds and structured products use derivatives
- The function of exchanges and clearinghouses
- Futures contracts (basic features, types pricing, hedging, speculating)
- OTC (Over The Counter) forwards and other futures contracts
- The inherent risks and the need for understanding, objectives, and controls

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

APII®'s online learning system helps you meet your study goals. You'll benefit from:

- Online access to course readings in PDF format
- Interactive exercises and practice quizzes
- Course updates to ensure you're learning the most current and up-to-date practical material in your studies
- An online study planner that shows you how to complete your studies in a 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12-month window
- Access to online discussion forums and assistance from APII®'s academic support specialists

Approximate Hours of Study**

Hours of Study	60 - 90 hours
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In order to provide some guidance to course participants as to the length of time it will take to be sufficiently prepared to write the final examination, APII® has prepared this estimate of the number of hours an average participant could possibly expect to spend studying for a course. Please note that **these are only recommended hours of study** developed based on research and our course content, however, this does not mean that some students with exceptional backgrounds would not take less time than recommended or that students with no background at all in finance or economics would not take longer than the maximum.

EXAM WEIGHTINGS

(weightings are approximate)

An Overview of Derivatives	3%
Futures Contracts	40%
Exchange-Traded Options	42%
Swaps	8%
How Investment Funds and Structured Products Use Derivatives	5%
Operational Considerations	2%

EXAM INFORMATION

Exams	1
Exam Format	Paper Or Computer Based

Exam Duration	2 Hours
Question Format	Multiple Choice
Questions Per Exam	65
Attempts Allowed Per Exam	2
Passing Grade	70%
Assignments	YES
ENROLLMENT PERIOD	
Enrollment Period	6 MOIS

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