

MODULE 1

Introduction to Personal Finance

Summary of main points



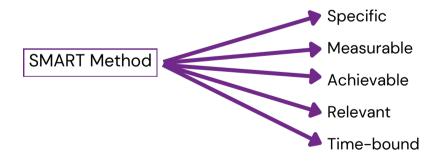
Personal Financial Skills Course



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Breakdown of the Course and Overview of Personal Finance

- Personal finance refers to the management of money and financial resources in a way that aligns with your goals and ensures financial stability in the long run
- Evaluating your income is essential for personal finance and involves understanding and tracking your various sources of income to make informed financial decisions
- Setting financial (both short and long-term) goals provides purpose and direction to your financial decisions



Managing debt wisely is critical for personal finance and maintaining a healthy credit score



- Creating and following a budget is foundational in personal finance and ensures you live within your means, prioritize spending, and save for the future
 - Budgets must be regularly reviewed and adjusted
- Consistently saving money requires you to set aside a portion of your income for future use (emergencies, long-term goals, etc)

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The Connection Between Solid Financial Decisions and Overall Well-being

- Financial matters have a significant impact on stress levels and well-being
 - Neglecting personal finance —> worry over debts, overspending, and lack of a safety net
- Understanding personal finance and making informed decisions can alleviate financial worries, reduce stress, and create a more financially secure lifestyle.
- Avoiding financial stress can be done by recognizing the issue and creating a plan around it, educating yourself about personal finance, and implementing healthy financial habits



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Basic Financial Terms and Ideas

On Module 1.5