

2017 CFAS Level I Review Course

About the Course

The CFA Program is one of the most rigorous financial qualifications in the world. Each Level builds on the previous level so it is vital to set a solid foundation at Level I in order to be one of the few candidates (less than 15%) who pass all three levels of the Program and become CFA Charterholders.

The CFA Society of Sydney (CFAS) offers a 16-week Review Course for Level I candidates to help them succeed in the CFA Program. Our courses are based on a set of principles that, in our experience, position candidates well to pass the exams and establish their careers in the financial services industry. Our principles are:

Structured

- Structured 16-week study plan that keeps your preparation on track
- Comprehensive coverage of all topics in the Candidate Body of Knowledge™
- Selective focus on key concepts and areas candidates have found difficult in the past

Local Experts

- All presenters are CFA Charterholders working in the local financial services industry
- All presenters are experts in their topic areas and use real-life examples to bring each topic to life
- Our local experts give an Australian flavour to the CFA Institute readings

Questions Focus

- Study sessions are split between a lecture-style overview of the topic and Q & A / discussion
- Tutorial-style enables candidates to discuss difficult areas and get their questions answered
- Small classes overcome the difficulties of "distance-education" by providing access to experts

Unique Material

- Presentations are developed from the CFA Institute readings by the presenters themselves
- This provides a unique perspective on the readings
- Questions are selected from a range of sources to test key concepts and challenge candidates

Time Efficient

- The course is held on weeknights to ensure it doesn't conflict with your own private study schedule
- The weeknight format encourages candidate study during the week

Practice Exam

- Testing knowledge before exam day is important for ensuring proper preparation
- The course culminates with the Boston Society practice exam (2 weeks before the actual exam)
- This enables candidates to identify areas to focus on in the final weeks before the exam

Network

- Meet local CFA Charterholders presenting the course and learn about their careers
- Get in touch with other candidates studying the Program
- Make the CFA Program more than an academic experience

Course Structure

Our Level I Review Course consists of 16 individual study sessions covering the 10 topic areas of the Candidate Body of Knowledge™. The time committed to each study session reflects its weighting in the Level I curriculum and its complexity:

Topic*	Study Session	Date	Time
Ethical and Professional Standards	SS1	31 Jul	5:45 - 9:00
	SS2	7 Aug	5:45 – 8.30
Quantitative Methods	SS3	14 Aug	5:45 – 8.30
	SS4	21 Aug	5:45 - 9:00
Economics	SS5	28 Aug	5:45 - 9:00
	SS6	4 Sept	5:45 - 9:00
Financial Reporting and Analysis	SS7	11 Sept	5:45 - 9:00
	SS8 & 9	18 Sept	5:45 - 9:00
Corporate Finance	SS10 & 11	25 Sept	5:45 – 9:00
Portfolio Management	SS12	3 Oct	5:45 – 9:00
	SS13	9 Oct	5:45 – 8.30
Equity	SS14	16 Oct	5:45 – 8.30
Fixed Income	SS15	23 Oct	5:45 – 8.30
	SS16	30 Oct	5:45 – 8.30
Derivatives	SS17	6 Nov	5:45 – 8.30
Alternative Investments	SS18	13 Nov	5:45 – 8.30
CFA Society Boston Practice Exam		18 Nov	

*The order in which topics are presented is subject to change. The topic timing will be finalised in conjunction with presenter availability.

10 Reasons to participate in the Course

The key benefits of participating in our Review Courses are:

- Instruction from local practitioners in the investment management industry
- Comprehensive coverage of key topics
- Face-to-face learning complements the distance education structure of the CFA Program
- Focuses on complex topic areas that candidates generally have problems with
- Structured study program over 16 weeks helps keep your learning on track
- Provides a forum for you to discuss topics and get your questions answered
- Facilitates networking opportunities with other candidates and presenters
- Provides additional study materials
- Adopts a time-efficient weeknight format which will assist you to study when you otherwise wouldn't
- BSAS practice exam included at end of course to finalise your preparation

Textbook and Materials

The textbook for our Level I Review Course is the December 2017 Level I Schweser Notes. We recommend all candidates have access to a copy of the Schweser Notes. They can be purchased at reduced rates from Kaplan by following this link: <http://www.kaplanprofessional.edu.au/chartered-financial-analyst-cfa-exam-preparation/> Please use the code CFA15OFF to receive the discount.

Online access to the presentation and a set of review questions will be provided prior to each session to allow candidates to prepare before coming to class.

Course Participants – Comments and Pass Rates

We have kept in touch with candidates who have participated in our Review Courses. Some comments we have received from candidates who have participated in the course are shown below:

"I'm sure you'll hear from a lot of other happy review course members today (exam results day). Thank you for your efforts...in organising the review course, I can honestly say it made the difference, and if there is a review course for level 2, I'll definitely be signing up!"

-- Level II CFA Candidate

"A huge thank you to the CFA Society of Sydney...for all the support you provided us candidates. I would recommend the review course without hesitation and look forward to the Level 2 program CFAS is putting together."

-- Level II CFA Candidate

Course Location

Macquarie, 50 Martin Place, Sydney

Enrolment

If you would like to be part of our December 2017 Level I Review Course, please register via our online store. Registrations will open in June. The cost of the course is \$1,350 (including GST) which includes the cost of the CFA Society Boston practice exam. Numbers are limited so we encourage early enrolment.

Early Bird Enrolment

Candidates who enroll prior to Friday 23 June will be able to register for the **discounted fee** of \$950 (including GST), which includes the cost of the CFA Society Boston practice exam. Early bird enrolments are limited.

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