

ECONOMICS 6461 (81)
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
FALL 2015(Syllabus available online)

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Classes: OCTOBER 15 – December 10, 2015

Office: Business Building, Rm # 1314

Class Time: Thursday: 6.00 – 10.45 pm.

Location: Douglasville Campus

Office Hours: Before class every Thursday. Contact me by e-mail (bdutt@westga.edu)

TEXTBOOK: *International Economics by S. Husted and M. Melvin, 8th edition. Published by Pearson/Addison Wesley, 2010*

Learning Objectives: *The overall objective of this course is for you to learn basic economic concepts, specifically international trade/ finance and open economy macroeconomics. To this end, upon completion, students should:*

Communicate effectively in oral presentations and writing, accomplished by extensive case studies in class (LG1), apply basic quantitative skills to analyze exchange rate models, from the classical to the modern (LG6)

Possess substantial knowledge of international economic concepts including exchange rates models, international banking and financial system, along with the EURO (LG10) and apply knowledge of economic concepts to strategies for addressing public policy issues (LG11) and also demonstrate an ability to generate and interpret descriptive statistics, specifically in exchange rate forecasting (LG12).

Note: A complete list of expected learning goals (LG) for the Economics Department can be found at the department web site (www.westga.edu/~econ/outcomes.html).

COURSE OUTLINE: CHAPTER: 13 – 19, 6, 7, 8, 10.

Exams:

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| 1) | Exam. 1: | Nov. 12, 2015: | 100 points |
| 2) | Final: | Dec. 10, 2015: | 100 points (6.00–9.00 PM) |

Case Studies:

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| 1) | CS 1: | Oct. 22, 2015: | 10 points |
| 2) | CS 2: | Oct. 29, 2015: | 10 points |
| 3) | CS 3: | Nov. 5, 2015: | 10 points |
| 4) | CS 3: | Nov. 19, 2015: | 10 points |

Total: **240 points**

The final is comprehensive and the outline will be discussed in class. Exam. 1 and the finals are a combination of theoretical (essay type) and numerical (number crunching) questions.

There are ABSOLUTELY no make-up exams or quizzes. There are no alternative ways to earn credits (class project / term papers etc.) Concentrate on the exams. and the case studies. Put in time and effort into both and you should do well.

Grades will be posted on Banweb, Dec. 11, 2015, by 11.00 AM

Assessment Policy:

<i>90 % and above:</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>216 - 240</i>
<i>80 - 89.9 %:</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>192 - 215</i>
<i>70 - 79.9 %:</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>168 - 191</i>
<i>60 - 69.9 %:</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>144 - 167</i>
<i>Below 60%:</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>166 and below</i>

Schedule:

Oct. 15, 2015: First day at 8.30 pm

Oct. 22, 2015: Class 1 plus CS 1

Oct. 29, 2015: Class 2 plus CS 2

Nov. 05, 2015: Class 3 plus CS 3

Nov. 12, 2015: Exam. 1

Nov. 19, 2015: Class 4 plus CS 4

Nov. 26, 2015: Thanksgiving

Dec. 03, 2015: Class, evaluation and finals outline

Dec. 10, 2015: Finals

NOTE: *I reserve the right to make alterations in the syllabus as and when I deem necessary. You will be notified of these changes in advance. Please switch off all cell phones and pagers before entering my class. No food or beverages allowed in class. I will strictly adhere to the university policies on discipline and plagiarism.*