UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

ECONOMICS 662
International Macroeconomics
Fall 2014

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Course Description: Economics 662 studies the macroeconomic side of international economics; linkages with trade theory and policy will be considered where appropriate (e.g., formulation of the real exchange rate.) Topics include income determination and the trade balance; models with traded and non-traded goods; balance of payments adjustment and macroeconomic stabilization policies under fixed and flexible exchange rates; empirical regularities of international prices, interest rates and exchange rates; models of exchange rate determination and exchange rate/current account dynamics; exchange rate policy for developed and developing economies; international capital flows and balance of payments crises. Time permitting, we will survey international monetary systems from a historical perspective and consider the theoretical and policy implications of financial globalization.

Learning Objectives:
(1) Understand and be able to discuss basic concepts, theories and models of international macroeconomics.
(2) Gain exposure to classic and current literature of the field.
(3) Demonstrate ability to apply economic reasoning to international macroeconomic issues and policy problems.
(4) Become engaged in research that contributes to theory and policy applications of international macroeconomics.
(5) Enhance skill and confidence in teaching and presentation.

Prerequisites:
Students should have completed ECON 607, Macroeconomic Theory I.
Course Texts and References:

Required:

Optional:

Other Useful References (ECON 662 reference shelf, Sinclair Library):

Course Format: The first third of the course will be relatively lecture intensive; after we cover the fundamentals, the course will progressively transition to seminar format with student presentations and discussion of selected papers from the reading list. Two examinations will be given during the semester. Successful completion of a term paper is a key component of the course.

Grading:
Two Midterm Exams (30% each): 60%
Term paper and presentation to class 25%
Participation, presentations, citizenship: 15%
Total: 100%
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Preliminary Reading List


