Economics 461  
International Macroeconomics  
Summer 2008: 07/07 thru 08/14/2008  
M-F 12-1.15 Room: BUSAD D103  

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Prerequisite  
Economics 300: Intermediate Economics: Macro Analysis  

Course Description  
This course provides theoretical and historical insights into how international economic theory and international monetary policy have been shaped and implemented in a modern world. The major themes cover national income accounting and the Balance of Payments; money, interest rates, and exchange rates; foreign exchange markets; capital markets; international monetary system and international macroeconomic policy. The current issues in international monetary economics such as the global financial crises, and the US current account deficits are also discussed.  

Required Text Book  

Other Materials  
Articles and other materials will be identified in class.  

Grading  
Midterm examination 35%  
Homework assignments 30%  
Research Project and presentation 25%  
Attendance and class participation 10%  

Midterm Examination  
The midterm exam is in-class and closed book. The exam will consist of short-answer and short-essay questions. Please note that there will be no make-up exams except under truly extraordinary circumstances.  

Homework Assignments  
I plan to assign 4-5 homework assignments throughout the semester. Each homework will generally consist of 4-5 selected problems from the text book. Short-essay assignments based on other class materials will be assigned occasionally. The homework
assignments must be turned in no later than the end of the class on the due date. I will not accept emailed, faxed, or late assignments.

**Research Project and Presentation**

Students may work alone or in pairs on a research project of their choice. I will provide the list of suggested topics in class. In lieu of final examination, you are required to give a 20-25 min presentation on your project in the final week of the course and submit a hard copy of the project report on the day of the last class. The grading will be based on the project itself (15%), and the presentation and response to questions (10%).

**Special Notes**

I will be utilizing the plus/minus grading system. Classes will be conducted in a lecture/discussion format. You are expected to attend all class sessions, complete reading assignments prior to the class, and participate in class discussions. I reserve the right to check class attendance on a random basis. I take the matter of academic honesty very seriously. Academic irregularities or dishonesty, such as plagiarism and cheating will result in an automatic failure of the course.

**Course Schedule (subject to change)**

Week 1 (July 7-July 11)
- ch.1 Introduction
- ch.12 National Income Accounting & the Balance of Payments
- ch.13 Exchange Rates & the Foreign Exchange Market

Week 2 (July 14- July 18)
- ch. 14 Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates
- ch.15 Price Levels and the Exchange Rates in the Long Run
- ch. 16 Output & the Exchange Rate in the Short-Run

Week 3 (July 21-July 25)
- ch. 17 Fixed Exchange Rates & Foreign Exchange Intervention
- ch.18 The International Monetary System
- Midterm Review

**Midterm Exam: Monday, July 28**

Week 4 (July 28-Aug 1)
- ch.19 Macroeconomic Policy & Coordination under floating Exchange Rates
- ch. 20 Optimum Currency Areas and the European Experience

Week 5 (Aug 4-Aug 8)
- ch. 21 The Global Capital Market: Performance and Policy Problems
- ch. 22 Developing Countries: Growth, Crisis, and Reform

Week 6 (Aug 11-Aug 14)
- Research project presentations and discussions