Course Description
The study of international economics is usually divided into two parts: trade (micro-analysis) and finance (monetary macroeconomics). This course studies the latter. We start by introducing the major concepts of macroeconomics as they relate to open economies (output, exchange rates, etc.). We then develop models that help us evaluate policies that affect the determination of output, unemployment, price levels, and exchange rates for economies that are integrated within a global economy. After developing the theory, we will apply our insights to analyze historical developments from the last century as well as current problems that face governments, international organizations and citizens-voters everywhere.


Grading
Exam 40%
Writing assignments \ Problem sets 25%
Class presentation 25%
Attendance and participation 10%
Grades awarded will include +/- notation

Exams
The exam will cover material from lectures, problem sets and the textbook.
Exam: TBA
Short writing assignments
Occasionally, you will be required to hand in short written assignments based on media articles.

Problem Sets
There will be two problem sets during the first part of the course. Problem sets have to be handed in not later than the beginning of lecture the day they are due. No late problem sets will be accepted but for very unusual circumstances. An answer key will be posted on the web for each problem set after its due date. Due dates will be announced in class and online.

Presentation
Every student, alone or with a group (of up to three students) will be required to present a 20 minutes presentation on a topic of her choice (a list of possible topics will be provided but any other topic related to the course will be acceptable subject to my permission). Most topics will be historical in nature and will require some research on an historical episode and an application of the theory we learned in class. The presentations will be done during the month of November.

Tentative Schedule of Readings in Krugman and Obstfeld:
Precise reading assignments will be announced ahead of time in class and online.
Chapters

1  Introduction
12 Accounting
13 Exchange rates
14 Money, prices, and the exchange rate
15 Prices and the exchange rate in the long run
16 Fluctuations in the short run
EXAM
17 Fixed exchange rates
18 Historical overview of the monetary system (1870-1973)
19 Post Bretton-Woods monetary arrangements
20 Optimal currency areas
21-22 Current policy problems

Suggestions
Make use of my office hours. I will always respond to emails containing specific questions. Attempting to study just before the exam is likely to result in failure. You will receive a practice exam and should use that as your study-guide.

Disability Needs
If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please, (1) contact the KOKUA program at 956-7511 or 956-7612 (rm. 013 at QLCSS) and (2) discuss with me any specific needs related to your documented disability.