ECONOMICS 4450 (01)
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
SPRING 2012
(Syllabus available online)

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Location: RCOB 1308
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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: 1, 5 - 8, 10, 11, 13 – 19

Exams:
1) E 1: Feb. 13, 2012: 50 points
2) E 2: March 7, 2012: 65 points
3) Final: April 25, 2012: 100 points
(11.00-1.30pm)
Case Studies:

1) CS 1: Jan. 30, 2012: 15 points
2) CS 2: Feb. 27, 2012: 15 points
3) CS 3: March 14, 2012: 15 points
4) CS 4: April 2, 2012: 15 points
5) CS 5: April 11, 2012: 15 points
6) Assessment: April 16, 2012: 10 points

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All case study material will be provided (by me), and will be done in class on the dates mentioned. If you miss it, you can still do the case study later, I will deduct 5 points outright.

The final is comprehensive and the outline will be discussed in class. Exam. 1 and Exam. 2 are not comprehensive. The Exams. are a combination of theoretical (essay type) and numerical (number crunching) questions.

There are ABSOLUTELY no make-up exams. 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. I will discuss my syllabus extensively in front of my whole class on the first day.

Grades will be posted on Banweb, April 25, 2012, by 5.00 PM

Assessment Policy:

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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 before entering my class. No food or beverages allowed in class. I will strictly adhere to the university policies on discipline and plagiarism.