INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Swarna (Bashu) Dutt
Professor of Economics

Office: Business Building, Rm # 1314
Class Time: M, W : 5.30 – 6.45 pm.
Location: RCOB 1309
Office Hours: M, W: 1.00-3.30, 4.45-5.30 pm

Contact me by e-mail (bdutt@westga.edu)


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: Sept. 19, 2011: 40 points
2) E 2: Oct. 31, 2011: 60 points
3) Final: Dec. 5, 2011: 100 points (5.30-7.30pm)
Case Studies:
1) CS 1: Sept. 14, 2011: 25 points
2) CS 2: Oct. 10, 2011: 25 points
4) CS 4: Nov. 16, 2011: 25 points

Total: 300 points

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 10 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, Dec. 6, 2011, by 11.00 AM

Assessment Policy:

90 % and above: A 270-300
80 - 89.9 %: B 240-269
70 - 79.9 %: C 210 - 239
60 - 69.9 %: D 180 - 209
Below 60%: F 179 and below

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.