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Professor of Economics

Classes: October 9 - December 4, 2012

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I will also use “Econmentor.”

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) Midterm: Nov. 6, 2012: 75 points (6.00 – 8.00 PM)
2) Final: Dec. 4, 2012: 125 points (6.00 – 9.00 PM)

Case Studies:
1) CS 1: Oct. 16, 2011: 30 points
2) CS 2: Oct. 23, 2011: 30 points
3) CS 3: Oct. 30, 2011: 30 points
4) CS 4: Nov. 6, 2011: 30 points
45) CS 5: Nov. 13, 2011: 30 points

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Total: 350 points

The final is comprehensive and the outline will be discussed in class. The midterm and the
finals are a combination of theoretical (essay type) and numerical (number crunching) questions.

There are ABSOLUTELY no make-up exams or quizzes. 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.

Grades will be posted on Banweb, Dec. 5, 2012, by 11.00 AM

Assessment Policy:

90 % and above: A 315 - 350
80 - 89.9 %: B 280 – 314
70 - 79.9 %: C 245 - 279
60 - 69.9 %: D 210 - 244
Below 60%: F 209 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 and pagers before entering
my class. No food or beverages allowed in class. I will strictly adhere to the university policies on
discipline and plagiarism.