ECONOMICS 6461 (91)
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
FALL 2014(Syllabus available online)

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Classes: AUGUST 26 – OCTOBER 14, 2014

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TEXTBOOK: International Economics: S. Husted and M. Melvin, 8th or 9th edition. Published by

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) Exam. 1: Sept. 16, 2014: 75 points
2) Final: Oct.14, 2014: 125 points (6.00–9.00 PM)

Case Studies:
1) CS 1: Sept. 2, 2014: 20 points
2) CS 2: Sept. 9, 2014: 20 points
3) CS 3: Sept. 16, 2014: 20 points
4) CS 4: Sept. 23, 2014: 20 points
5) CS 5: Sept. 30, 2014: 20 points

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Total: 300 points
The final is comprehensive and the outline will be discussed in class. Exam. 1 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, Oct. 15, 2014, by 11.00 AM

**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 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.

**Case Studies:**


2) Future of the EURO: Sept. 9, 2014: Paper given in class


5) Case for Sept. 30, 2014: To be announced.