The University of Oklahoma  
College of Continuing Education  
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus  

Course Title:  
International Economics - Finance  

Course Number:  
ECON 5633-301  

Course Description:  
This course deals with the macroeconomic aspects of the theories and policies of international economics. The main topics include the balance of payments, exchange rates, and macroeconomic policies in an open-economy context, as well as current challenges and dilemmas faced by the existing international financial order, including the US current account problems and the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. The course is designed around lectures, assigned readings, and class discussions. The students are expected to come to each class after having read the assigned readings, and to participate in classroom discussions.  

Class Dates, Location and Hours:  
Dates: March 2-8, 2014  
Location: Hangar 2, Room 202, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.  
Hours: Sun 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; M-F 6:00-10:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: February 1, 2014  

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.  

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:  
Student materials are available at the OU Follett Bookstore located at 1185 Asp Avenue; Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahoma.bksr.com. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day at (405) 325-7770. Representatives are available by phone at (405) 325-3511 or (800) 522-0772 (toll-free) or E-mail at 0831mgr@fheg.follett.com from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (CST). Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (CST). (Text prices are available online.)  

2. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: Follett is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through Follett.

Course Objectives:

- To provide students with theoretical knowledge regarding the functioning of international finance including a variety of methods and models used for this purpose.
- To locate, organize, and analyze international finance data to get insightful conclusions.
- To enable students to develop necessary skills to apply the methods and models to policy making as well as to current economic debates.

Course Outline:

The following is a list of topics and required readings. Chapter numbers refer to the Krugman, Obstfeld and Melitz textbook.

I. Exchange Rates and Open-Economy Macroeconomics
   a. National Income Accounting and the Balance of Payments, Ch. 13 & Handout 1
   b. Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market, Ch. 14
   c. Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates, Ch. 15
   d. Output and the Exchange Rate in the Short Run, Ch. 17

II. International Macroeconomic Policy
   a. Fixed Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Intervention, Ch. 18
   b. The International Monetary System, 1870-1973, Ch. 19 & Handout 2

III. The Global Capital Market: Performance and Policy Problems
   a. Costs and Benefits of Liberalization of Financial Markets, Ch. 21 & Handout 3
   b. Developing Countries and the New Financial Order, Ch.22

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

Post Seminar Assignment:
Complete a term paper (5-8 pages single-spaced) on any topic dealing with international financial issues (a detailed guideline is posted at D2L under contents/assignments section). The paper needs to use one or more concepts/models used in the class in the analysis. The paper should be submitted by using the dropbox folder at D2L. Due Date: March 22, 2014 (two weeks after class).

Optional Homework Assignments:
There are also two optional assignments posted at D2L for an additional 5% bonus (in total). The bonus assignments also need to be submitted via dropbox at D2L. Due date: March 2, 2014
Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

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**Education**
- Ph.D. in Economics, University of Notre Dame, 2006.

**Current Positions**
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma, 2012 – present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma, 2006 – present.
- Affiliate Faculty, School of International and Area Studies, University of Oklahoma, 2006 – present.

**Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses**
- ECON 5633 International Economics – Finance; ECON 5990 Comparative Economic Systems

**Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest**
- International Finance
- Development Economics
- Political Economy

**Representative Publications and Presentations**

**Representative Honors and Awards Received**
- *Biggest Influence Award for Outstanding Teaching* given by Delta Sigma Pi, spring 2010.

**Major Professional Affiliations**
- Eastern Economic Association
- Southern Economic Association