

Georgetown University
ECON-244-20: International Finance

Summer 2020 - Syllabus *

Basic Information:

Instructor: Subhadhra Sankaran
Main Second Session: July 6 – August 7, 2020
Time: 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM
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Course Description and Objective:

The course is organized as a two part structure. Initially, the course will focus on countries' national accounts, balance of payments, exchange rate regimes and their determination. The second part of the course will build on these to look at foreign exchange and money markets, monetary and stabilization policies, currency and financial crises with country examples. While the course assumes some familiarity with introductory economics (supply and demand analysis, *etc.*), bulk of the material is self-contained.

The theoretical tools developed in the course, and exposure to various data sources, would equip one with the fundamental quantitative methods to analyze and evaluate alternative international macroeconomic policies and apply these concepts to other related policy questions of interest.

Course Material:

Class web page is available through Canvas. The textbook reference for this course is the later part corresponding to international finance from '**International Economics: Theory and Policy**', **Tenth Edition**, by **Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc J. Melitz**.

Course Evaluation:

Assignments 20%
Midterm exam (in class, July 20) 30%
Final exam (in class, August 6) 50%

Course Policy:

Assignments:

- There will be 2 assignments posted on Canvas, and students need to make individual presentations in class.

Exams:

- The final exam is mandatory, and cumulative.

*Tentative, subject to change

- All exams are closed book and to be solved individually.

Attendance and Absences: General Georgetown rules about attendance and absences apply.

Academic Honesty Policy Summary: Georgetown's Honor System applies.

Tentative Course Outline:

1. National income accounting and the balance of payments
2. Exchange rates and the foreign exchange market
3. Money, interest rates, and exchange rates
4. Price levels and the exchange rate in the long run
5. Output and the exchange rate in the short run
6. Exchange rate regimes
7. Globalization and capital flows
8. Currency and debt crises