York University

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics

AP/ECON 3580 Section A
International Monetary Economics

Fall 2020

1. Course Instructor/Contact:

Instructor: Arman Mansoorian

Class time: Mondays 11:30 to 2:30 on Zoom

2. Course Description

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to some important issues in International Monetary Economics. Emphasis will be placed on Macroeconomic models, and some empirical and policy issues will be discussed.

3. Required Textbook / Readings:

The exams will be based primarily on materials covered in class. The most relevant material will be the lecture notes, and the questions discussed in class. The following textbooks are recommended; some questions from the end of the relevant chapters in these textbooks will be assigned and discussed in class.

> *International Macroeconomics*, by Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor. Macmillan Learning, 2017. ISBN 1429278439, 9781429278430

and

> *Macroeconomics* (2nd Canadian edition), by J.B. DeLong, M. Olney, A. Mansoorian and L. Michelis. McGraw-Hill Ryerson Publishers, 2007.

4. Weighting for the Course

There will be a midterm test on **October 19**, during class-time. There will also be a Final exam during the exam period in December.

The midterm tests will be worth 40% of the mark for the course, and the Final will be worth 60%. On individual basis, if it is to your advantage, these weights will change to 30% for the midterm, and 70% for the final.

COURSE OUTLINE

The topics that will be covered are as follows. More specific references will be announced in class. Topics and/or more references may be added as the course progresses.

1. Open Economy with Flexible Prices: the Long Run

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 3
- DeLong *et. al.* Section 7.1 to 7.3

2. History of International Monetary Systems:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Ch. 8
- DeLong *et. al.* Pages 477 to 484, and 486 to 489

3. Choices of Exchange Rates:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapters 8 and 10.
- DeLong *et. al.* Section 16.2

4. International Parity Conditions:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 2
- DeLong *et. al.* Sections 15.1, 2.2 and 15.2

5. Balance of Payments Accounts and Foreign Exchange Markets:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 5
- DeLong *et. al.* Sections 15.1, 2.2 and 15.2

6. National Income Accounts for Open Economies:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 5
- DeLong *et. al.* Section 2.6

7. The Goods and Money Markets with Fixed Prices:

- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 7
- DeLong *et. al.* Pages 221 to 223, 296 to 297 and 151 to 167
  Sections 8.2 to 8.3 and 9.1 to 9.3

8. Open Economy with Fixed Prices and Flexible Exchange Rates:

- Mainly Lecture Notes
- DeLong *et. al.* Sections 15.4 and 15.5
- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 7

9. Open Economy with Fixed Prices and Fixed Exchange Rates:

- Mainly Lecture Notes
- DeLong *et. al.* Section 15.6
- Feenstra and Taylor, Chapter 7