

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics
International Monetary Economics AP/ECON 3580
Fall 2023

Course Instructor:

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Virtual Office Hours: Fridays 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Please sign up on eClass to schedule a 15-minute appointment on Zoom

Lecture Time and Location:

Mondays, 4:00 pm; CLH K

TA Hours: TBA

Prerequisite/Co-requisite:

AP/ECON 1000 3.00 and AP/ECON 1010 3.00 or equivalents.

Course Description:

In this course we will study countries' national accounts, balance of payments, exchange rate regimes and their determination. We will build on this knowledge to study foreign exchange and money markets, monetary and stabilization policies, currency and financial crises with specific examples including the Euro crisis. We will also study the new topic of cryptocurrencies with an emphasis on how they are changing global economic models. The theoretical tools developed in this course will equip students with the methods to analyze and evaluate alternative international macroeconomic policies and the confidence to apply these tools to real-world scenarios.

Required Course Materials:

Textbook: International Economics: Theory & Policy, 11th Edition (digital), by Paul Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld and Marc Melitz.

Additional readings may be assigned or recommended during the course.

Evaluation:

Test 1*(Chapters 13, 14, 15, 16)	45%	Oct 16
Test 2*(+Chapters 17, 18, 19, 20)	45%	Nov 20
Attendance and Participation	10%	

Topics:*

Sept 11	National Income Accounting and the Balance of Payments (Ch 13)
Sept 18	Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market: An Asset Approach (Ch 14 and Appendix)
Sept 25	Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates (Ch 15)
Oct 2	Price Levels and the Exchange Rate in the Long Run (Ch 16)
Oct 9	Reading Week
Oct 16	Review; Test 1
Oct 23	Output and the Exchange Rate in the Short Run (Ch 17 and Appendix)
Oct 30	Fixed Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Intervention (Ch 18 and Appendix 1 and 2)
Nov 6	International Monetary Systems: An Historical Overview (Ch 19 and Appendix)
Nov 13	Optimum Currency Areas and the European Experience (Ch 20)
Nov 20	Review; Test 2
Nov 27	Financial Globalization: Opportunity and Crisis (Ch 21) – Discussion and Debate
Dec 4	Developing Countries: Growth, Crisis and Reform (Ch 22) – Discussion and Debate

Grading Policy:

- There is no final exam in this course. Test 2 will be cumulative.
- If a student misses a test, there will be no make-up test. The weight of a missed Test 1 will be transferred to Test 2 only for medical reasons. The student must provide the instructor with an attending physician's statement within one week of the missed exam.
- If a student misses Test 2 or both tests for medical reasons, the student must provide the instructor with an attending physician's statement within one week of the missed obligation(s) and will complete an original term paper on a topic covered by the course that is assigned by the instructor. The length and requirements of the term paper will be determined by the instructor according to how much of the course work has not been completed.

Important Course Information:

Final course grades given by the instructor will use the standard York grading scale and may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles. In addition, all students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy webpage:

<https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012-.pdf>

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation

Course ADD/Drop Deadlines:

Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept 20
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept 28
Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov 8
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a	Nov 9 – Dec 5

grade of “W” on transcript – see note below)	
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Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course:

<https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/withdrawn-from-course-w-policy-and-guidelines/>