

Course Syllabus

Econ 141, Summer Session 1 2024

This course will study international finance and macroeconomics. The objective is to acquire an understanding of how international financial markets work and how international economic integration affects policy making. We will study exchange rates, international financial flows, monetary and fiscal policies, the consequences of globalization, currency regimes and international financial crises. We will use many examples from the rich history of international finance and financial crises and current events to illustrate how the global economy and national macroeconomic policy interact.

Administrative Information

- Main Instructor: Fernando Chertman
- Office Hours: Wednesdays 10am - 12pm @ Engineering 2, TBD
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- Lectures: TTH 1:00PM - 4:30PM @ J Baskin Engineering, 165

Required Textbook

- Feenstra, R. and Taylor, A. 2017. International Macroeconomics, 3rd edition.

Grading

- Problem sets: 20%
- Midterms 30%
- Final 50%: Covers everything we studied in the class.
- There will be **no makeup** exam and **no extra credit** opportunities.

Problem Sets

- There will be 4 problem sets. The problem sets will be graded coarsely (check plus, check, check minus) and will be based largely on the effort that you put in.

Rules of Communication

- Your success is important for me. Therefore, I would like to help as much as I can so that you can understand the materials we cover in this course.
- It is best to ask your questions during class because it is highly likely that if you are either confused by something, or interested to know more about something, then others are too. So, **please, interrupt me a lot during class.**
- I am available for questions during office hours. If you cannot make it to the office hours for some reason, please send me an email to set up an appointment.

Disability Support Services

- Any student who thinks s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to submit their Accommodation Authorization and discuss specific needs, preferably within the first weeks of the quarter. Please also contact the Disability Resource Center at 831-459-2089 in room 146 Hahn Student Services or by e-mail at drc@ucsc.edu to coordinate those accommodations.

Academic Integrity Policy

- All students of UCSC are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council. Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and nonacademic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). In this class, the minimum sanction for violations of the honor code will be a 0 score for the work in question.

Schedule

(Except for the exam dates, schedules are tentative and are subject to change)

June 25	Chapters 1 and 2
June 27	Chapter 3
July 02	Chapter 4
July 04	Holiday
July 09	Chapter 5 – MT1
July 11	Chapter 6
July 16	Chapter 7
July 18	Chapter 8 and 9
July 23	Chapter 10 and 11
July 25	Final