

**Economics 4423: International Finance****Syllabus****Spring 2020: Course meets 3:00-3:50, Economics 117**

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**Course Description:**

The goal of this course is to study and understand the core issues in international finance (otherwise known as open-economy macroeconomics or international macroeconomics). The primary issues include the determination of exchange rates, factors that drive the balance of payments, and how shocks to the international economic system affect conditions in the domestic

institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

We are living through an exceptional period in the history of world economics, making it an exciting time to study international finance. Most of the world is becoming increasingly globalized, despite the pushback from the current US administration, with the result that events in one region directly affect those in another. How, for example, does an internal crisis within the Euro zone affect economic growth prospects in the United States, and why? What are the limitations of monetary policy in one country when capital can flow freely across borders in

be countercyclical? We will examine these issues, and many more, in this class.

**Evaluation methods**

There will be 3 assigned problem sets, each worth 5% of your grade, 2 midterm exams, each worth 22%, and 1 final examination, worth 31%. Problem sets turned in within 24 hours of the due date will be marked down 20%. No assignments turned in after that time will be accepted. The assignments will essentially be problems for you to work out in order to improve your understanding of the material. The midterm exams and final exam will be a mixture of problems and essay questions and will be closed notes and closed books, with no makeup exams given.

I will make use of CU-remote, please get one from the CU bookstore immediately and register it. The URL to register one is <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration> The Clicker code for Econ 117 is BA.

Please note that I have a policy to enforce attendance, which will be managed by your answering questions on the Clickers system in class. You may miss up to 3 classes in the term without informing me. Additional missed class time will require a medical certification or other valid



<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>PROBLEM SET 1 DUE, BEGINNING OF CLASS</b>	
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM ONE, COVERS CHAPTERS 1-4</b>	
Feb 24-March 9	National Income & Balance of Payments; Savings & Investment	F&T, Chapter 5 and appendix
March 11-16	The Long-Run Budget Constraint and Gains from International Finance	F&T, Chapter 6
March 18-20 And March 30-April 3	Macro Policies; IS-LM-FX Model	F&T, Chapter 7
<b>MARCH 23-27</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE BEGINNING OF CLASS</b>	
<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM TWO, COVERS CHAPTERS 5-7</b>	
<b>APRIL 8</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	
April 10-20	Alternative Monetary Regimes Fixed versus Flexible Rates; IMF	F&T, Chapter 8
April 22-29	Exchange-Rate Crises Includes Maskus notes on Eurozone	F&T, Chapter 9
<b>APRIL 27</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE BEGINNING OF CLASS</b>	
<b>MONDAY MAY 4</b>	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION, 7:30-10 PM (COVERS CHS. 5-9 and Eurozone notes)</b>	

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