ECO 4713: International Macroeconomics

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Course Description and Purpose

This course studies the flow of capital across international financial markets, and the effects of these movements on exchange rates, balance of payments, and the conduct of monetary and fiscal policy in response to macroeconomic problems like unemployment, inflation, and recessions.

Course Objectives

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

- Identify the implications of macroeconomic policy, both within and across countries in an open economy.
- Compare the effects of cross-country relationships on international macroeconomic outcomes and policies.
- Evaluate important policy issues and explain the role of key institutions in the international economy.
- Develop an understanding of policy approaches to balance of payments and exchange rate problems.

Plan of the Course

Part 1: Introduction

1. The Global Macroeconomy

Part 2: Exchange Rates

- 2. Introduction to Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market
- 3 Exchange Rates I: The Monetary Approach in the Long Run
- 4 Exchange Rates II: The Asset Approach in the Short Run

Part 3: The Balance of Payments

- 5 National and International Accounts
- 6 Balance of Payments I: Financial Globalization
- 7 Balance of Payments II: Macroeconomic Policy

Part 4: International Policy Issues

- 8 Fixed vs Floating Exchange Rates
- 9 Exchange Rate Crises

Important Information

Before starting this course, please review the following pages:

- Accessibility and Accommodation
- Academic Misconduct Statement

Exams

There will be two midterm exams (with weights of 30 percent each) on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, and Thursday, October 29, 2024, at 9:30 am. There will also be a final exam (with a weight of 30 percent) on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:45 am in room GL 165. The remaining 10 percent of your grade will be based on attendance and homework.

Sample Grading Scheme

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Letter	Range (%)	Letter	Range (%)	Letter	Range (%)
A	91 or above	В	60 - 70	С	30 - 39
A-	81 - 90	B-	50 - 59	D	20 - 29
B+	71 - 80	C+	40 - 49	F	0 - 19

^{*}The professor reserves the right to change or modify the syllabus at any time during the semester.