



**Carleton University Department of Economics**  
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ECON 3602  
International Monetary Problems

**The Instructor**

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**The Course**

**Course Location/Delivery:** Online Combined Synchronous/Asynchronous  
**Course Day and Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 18:05 - 20:55

**TA:** TBA

**Brightspace Course Page:** <https://brightspace.carleton.ca/d2l/home/339365>

**Course Description**

This course is an introduction to open economy macroeconomics and international finance. It covers concepts such as the nominal exchange rate, balance of payments, the current and capital accounts, the determination of exchange rates, the effect of fiscal and monetary policies under different exchange rate regimes, the balance of payment crisis, international macroeconomic dependence, financial globalization and the international monetary system.

The course will be offered online. Course slides and a set of pre-recorded lectures that explain the slides will be posted weekly on Brightspace. More information will be provided in the first session.

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, it is expected that students be able to develop simple macroeconomic models of open economies that can be usefully applied to international economic issues.

**Preclusions and Prerequisites**

**Prerequisite:** ECON 1001 and ECON 1002, or ECON 1000 or FYSM 1003 with a minimum grade of D-. Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from

another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Administrator.

**Preclusions:** Credit will not be given if taken concurrently with or after ECON 4602 (International Monetary Theory and Policy). Precludes additional credit for ECON 3600 (Introduction to International Economics).

### **Course Calendar**

Session 1:

- Introduction
- The Global Macroeconomy (Chapter 1)

Session 2: Introduction to Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market (Chapter 2)

Session 3: Exchange Rates I: The Monetary Approach in the Long Run (Chapter 3)

Session 4:

- Exchange Rates I: The Monetary Approach in the Long Run (Chapter 3) (continued)
- Exchange Rates II: The Asset Approach in the Short Run (Chapter 4)

Session 5: Exchange Rates II: The Asset Approach in the Short Run (Chapter 4) (continued)

Session 6: National and International Accounts: Income, Wealth, and the Balance of Payments (Chapter 5)

Session 7: The Balance of Payment II: Output, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomic Policies in the Short Run (Chapter 7) - Part 1

Sessions 8: The Balance of Payment II: Output, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomic Policies in the Short Run (Chapter 7) - Part 2

Session 9: Midterm

Session 10:

- Balance of Payments I: The Gains from Financial Globalization (Chapter 6)
- Fixed Versus Floating: International Monetary Experience (Chapter 8)

Session 11: Exchange Rate Crises (Chapter 9)

Session 12: The Euro (Chapter 10)

Session 13: Review session

Lecture notes, announcements, due dates and other information will be posted on Brightspace. Students are responsible for regularly checking Brightspace to ensure that they have access to posted documents and that they are up to date with any announcements.

Disclaimer: Please note that modifications/additions may be made to the list of readings. Any such modifications will be announced in a timely fashion in class. Please check the updated weekly schedule at Brightspace.

## Textbooks and Readings

### Texts

**(Required)** Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor, *International Macroeconomics*, Worth Publishers, 5th edition.

Cost from the Carleton University bookstore: Rent (Digital) \$69.99 for 180 Days; Buy New: \$293.50; Buy Digital: \$199.99; Buy Loose Pgs: \$157.50 (the costs may vary)

Note: Students may also use older versions of the textbook.

**(Recommended)** Paul Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld and Marc Melitz, *International Finance: Theory and Policy*, 11th edition, Pearson, 2018.

Cost from Amazon.ca: Buy New: \$68.02 (the cost may vary)

Note: Students may also use older versions of the textbook.

Students may purchase the textbooks from the CU bookstore. Students may also access the electronic version of the textbook via the textbook publisher's website and Amazon.

## Evaluation

### Evaluation

Assignment/Test	Date	Mode of Delivery	Percentage of Grade
Assignment 1	Due on Session 7, May 26, 11:59 pm	Online	10%
Assignment 2	Due on Session 12, June 12, 11:59 pm	Online	10%
Midterm Exam	During Session 9, June 3, at 6:05 pm	In-Person	35%
Final Exam	During the exam period as scheduled by the university	In-Person	45%
			Total: 100%

### Information About Assignments

The assignments will consist of several questions and problems. The assignments must be submitted online on Brightspace by the due dates.

Any use of generative AI tools to produce assessed content is considered a violation of academic integrity standards as per our statement on Plagiarism.

### Late Policies and Extensions for Term Work

Late assignments will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero unless a compelling reason (Self-Declaration form, doctor's note, etc.) is provided. In this case, the weight of the assignment will be transferred to the final exam.

### Midterm/Test Policies

The midterm covers the material presented in sessions 1-6.

Students will receive a grade of zero if they miss the midterm exam unless they provide a compelling reason by submitting the Self-Declaration form (for short-term incapacitation). If the compelling reason is accepted the weight of the midterm will be transferred to the final exam so that the weight of the midterm and final exam become 0% and 80% respectively. No deferred midterm will be offered. More information about a request for accommodation is available at <https://carleton.ca/FASS-FPA-teaching-regulations/accommodation/>.

### Final Exam

The final exam is cumulative. It will be in-person as scheduled by the University during the exam period. Students are not to make travel plans during the exam period as that is not a valid reason for missing a final exam.

### Satisfactory Performance Criteria

Students must fulfill all of the course requirements, including the final exam, in order to achieve a passing grade (D- or higher).

### Deferred Finals

Students who do not write the final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply for to write a deferred final examination by contacting the Registrar's Office no later than three working days after the original final examination was scheduled. In the event that a student writes a deferred examination, the deferred examination will carry the same weight as the final examination in determining the course grade. Any deferred examination will not be identical to the original final examination.

Deferred finals (which must be applied for at the RO) are only available if the student is in good standing in the course, so if there is a minimum standard a student must meet in order to be in good standing, and entitled to write a deferred final exam, this standard must be stipulated here.

### E-Proctoring

E-proctoring will not be used for evaluations in this course.

### Distance Exams

Students who are living/studying at least 160 km from the university may apply to Scheduling and Exam Services to write the exam at a distance. You can find information about the deadline for applying for a distance exam this term and the application here <https://carleton.ca/ses/distance-exams/>.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

### **Plagiarism, Resources and Mental Health, Academic Accommodations**

You are responsible for reading and knowing the information about plagiarism, Carleton University resources, and academic accommodations found [HERE](#).