



ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2018  
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 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED (six years after UEC approval): February 2032  
 Course outline form version: 26/01/2024

## OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

**Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.**

<b>Course Code and Number:</b> ECON 342	<b>Number of Credits:</b> 3 <a href="#">Course credit policy (105)</a>										
<b>Course Full Title:</b> International Capital Markets <b>Course Short Title:</b> International Capital Markets											
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Social Sciences	<b>Department (or program if no department):</b> Economics										
<b>Calendar Description:</b> Students use economic theory to study international financial flows and their implications for regional and national economies including consideration of global financial imbalances, currency unions, international financial architecture, and the causes and impacts of currency attacks and financial crises.											
<b>Prerequisites (or NONE):</b>	45 university-level credits including ECON 100 and ECON 101										
<b>Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>	None.										
<b>Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>	None.										
<b>Antirequisite Courses</b> <i>(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)</i> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>	<b>Course Details</b> Special Topics course: <b>No</b> <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: <b>No</b> <i>(See <a href="#">policy 207</a> for more information.)</i> Grading System: <b>Letter grades</b> Delivery Mode: <b>May be offered in multiple delivery modes</b> Expected frequency: <b>Twice per year</b> Maximum enrolment (for information only): <b>28</b>										
<b>Typical Structure of Instructional Hours</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Lecture/seminar</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">45</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total hours</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>45</b></td> </tr> </table>	Lecture/seminar	45							<b>Total hours</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</b> PLAR is available for this course.
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<b>Scheduled Laboratory Hours</b> Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<b>Transfer Credit</b> <i>(See <a href="#">bctransferguide.ca</a>.)</i> Transfer credit already exists: <b>No</b> Submit outline for (re)articulation: <b>Yes</b> <i>(If yes, fill in <a href="#">transfer credit form</a>.)</i>										
<b>Department approval</b>	<b>Date of meeting:</b> March 14, 2025										
<b>Faculty Council approval</b>	<b>Date of meeting:</b> June 6, 2025										
<b>Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval</b>	<b>Date of meeting:</b> February 27, 2026										

**Learning Outcomes** *(These should contribute to students' ability to meet program outcomes and thus Institutional Learning Outcomes.)*

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Apply models of exchange rate determination to identify causal factors.
2. Explain the relationship between interest rates, prices, and exchange rates using open-economy models.
3. Model the determination of international financial flows and their relationship to different exchange rate regimes and monetary intervention.
4. Assess the impact of international capital flows on domestic economic performance in terms of their long run sustainability and equity.
5. Summarize the factors determining optimum currency areas.
6. Explain the role of central banks and instruments of sovereign government policy in determination of international capital movements and currency crises.
7. Provide context for how other economic, political, social, or Indigenous factors have the potential to influence this government or central bank intervention.

**Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting** *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Final exam:	30%	Assignments:	20%	%
Quizzes/tests:	40%	Holistic assessment:	10%	%

**Details:**

Holistic assessment consists of integrative applied policy analysis.

**NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.**

**Typical Instructional Methods** *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures will develop theories and apply them to problems in the subject. There will be extensive use of graphing and problem solving. Both formal analytic analysis and the economic intuition that underlies it will be used.

**Texts and Resource Materials** *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Krugman/ Obstfeld/ Melitz	International Finance: Theory and Policy, 12 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson	2022
2. Textbook	Copeland	Exchange Rates and International Finance, 6th Edition, Pearson	2014
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**Required Additional Supplies and Materials** *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)***Course Content and Topics**

- National income accounting and the balance of payments
- Exchange rates and the foreign exchange market: an asset approach
- Money, interest rates, and exchange rates
- Price levels and the exchange rate in the long run
- Output and the exchange rate in the short run
- Fixed exchange rates and foreign exchange intervention
- International monetary systems: a historical overview
- Financial globalization: opportunity and crisis
- Optimum currency areas and the euro
- Developing countries: growth, crisis, and reform