

Syllabus

This course is taught on Zoom Except you must attend Exams 1 and 2 and the Final Exam on Campus (See Schedule on page 3)

International Finance (FIN 376)

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Fall 2021

MW 1100-1230 Unique 03790

MW 1230-200 Unique 03795

MW 330-500 Unique 03800

Your grades are recorded in your assigned section. But all 3 sections shown together on Canvas.

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Canvas Content	FIN 376 Modules, Class Handouts, Power Point Slides, Exam information, articles, and occasional handouts.

Syllabus This Syllabus is posted in Word in first Module on Canvas and will be updated when necessary. Check the latest version periodically as events transpire, especially if changes due to COVID-19 are required.

Readings Packet: Available at the 3rd floor GSB copy center. The Packet contains all required readings materials including textbook material. The price includes all copyright fees. There are both inspirational and substantive readings at the end of each topics like Saint-Exupery. He was the world's 4th best French writer in the world in the last century and his essays will show you writing that inspires.

Learning Objective and Grades. You will be challenged to solve both structured and unstructured problems in international finance. Unstructured problems are the kind you face after you graduate from UT. **About 10% of exam questions will be from the Readings Packet and another 10% will come from my Zoom lectures that are not on the PowerPoint slides.** "A" students have also conscientiously read the readings packet and come to class.

Exams 1 and 2 (35% each) given at night on campus (See Schedule below)	70%
4 Homework (5% each) Post under Quizzes on Canvas on Due Date Before Midnight	20%
Class Attendance Recorded Electronically on Zoom	10%

See the Course Schedule below. **If you miss either one of on Campus EXAM 1 or EXAM 2, you have to take the final exam** and that final exam score will replace that zero on the missed exam. **If you miss both Exam 1 and Exam 2**, you have to take the final exam and that final exam score will replace only one of the two zeroes.

If you take both Exam 1 and Exam 2, you will know your preliminary course letter grade near the last scheduled class period. You then will have the option of taking the Final Exam. In that case, your final exam score will replace the lower of your two exam scores, if the final exam is higher. But know that if you take the Final Exam, your course letter grade cannot fall below your preliminary letter grade that will be posted after the last scheduled class.

Exam questions will cover all lecture material, PowerPoint slides, assigned readings from the Packet, materials I post on Canvas or referred to by me in class, and class discussions.

Class Attendance [10% of your total grade] Note First: If any medical, emergency or source of distress causes you to miss class (such as medical, Covid, family emergency, etc.) report this to Student Emergency Services (SES) at 512-471-5017 and they will email me whether to accommodate you with an excused absence and the date(s). I do not need to know the reason.

Your attendance in Zoom is recorded electronically. If you are present at 80% of the electronic class attendance measurements, you get the full 10 percentage points for class attendance points; if are present at 60% or less of the attendance measurements you get zero of the 10 percentage points for class attendance; if you are present 70%, then you get 5 percentage points attendance score, etc. We prorate your attendance points between 60% and 80% to calculate your class attendance points. Please fit all your jaunts to parties, weddings etc. into your freebee absences between 80% and 100% attendance. Take up any disputes over your attendance score with the Head TA (Francisco) after your preliminary course letter grade has been determined after the last scheduled class meeting.

Topics

Topic 1: Globalization

Topic 2: The International Monetary System

Topic 3: The Balance of Payments and Deficits

Topic 4: International Trade

Topic 5: The Market for Foreign Exchange

Topic 6: Country Risk

Topic 7: Global Political Risk

Topic 8: Global Macroeconomics: Recession, Monetary and Currency War Risk

Topic 9: Interest Rate Parity Predictions of FX Rates and the Carry Trade

Topic 10: Purchasing Power Parity and the Real Exchange Rate

Topic 12: The Monetary Model Approach to Predicting Exchange Rates

Topic 13: Technical FX Predictions: Moving Average Crossovers & Filter Rules

Topic 14: Hedging Transactions: Forwards, Money Market & Option Hedges

Topic 15: Strategies for Managing Foreign Economic Exposure

Topic 18: International Portfolio Investment

There are no Topics 11, 16, 17

CLASS SCHEDULE

	Dates	Topics Covered and Due Dates
Aug-Sep Sep	25 30 Sep 01 Mon 06	Topics 1.1 1.2 2.1 Labor Day Holiday
Sep Sep	Wed 08 Wed 08	Review of HW 1 in Class Homework 1 Due Midnight – Covers 1.1 1.2 2.1
Sep Sep Sep	MWM 13 15 20 Wed 22 Wed 22	Topics 3 4 5 HW 2 Review in Class Homework 2 Due Midnight – Covers 3 4 5
Sep Oct Oct	MW 27 29 Mon 4 Tue 5	Topics 6+7 8 Class Review for Exam 1 Topics 6+7 and 8 EXAM 1 at 7-10 PM in UTC 2.102A – Topics 1.1 through 8
Oct Oct Oct	WMW 06 11 13 Mon 18 Mon 18	Topics 9.1 9.2 10 Review of HW 3 During Class Homework 3 Due Midnight – Covers 9.1 9.2 10
Oct Nov Nov	WMW 20 25 27 Mon 1 Mon 1	Topics 12 13 14 Review of HW 1 During Class – Covers 12 13 14 Homework 4 Due Midnight – Covers 12 13 14
Nov Nov Nov Nov	WMW 3 8 10 Mon 15 Wed 17 Wed 17	Topics 15 18 (twice) Topic 15 and Review for Exam 2 In Class Review for Exam 2 Topics 9.1 through 18 EXAM 2 7-10 PM in UTC 2.102A – Covers Topics 9.1 - 18
Nov Nov	Mon 22 Wed 24	Magee International Experience (With Fidel Castro in 2003) No class Day Before Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov	WM 29 Dec 01 06	Prelim Letter Grades Lectures/Videos/Final Exam Reviews

There will be a Uniform Final Exam and Makeup Exam for the three sections

Students with Disabilities

Upon request, the University of Texas at Austin provides appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Qualified students get 1.5 the amount of time allocated to the average student. Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) is housed in the Office of the Dean of Students, located on the fourth floor of the Student Services Building. Information on how to register, downloadable forms, including guidelines for documentation, accommodation request letters, and releases of information are available online at the web address below. Please do not hesitate to contact SSD at (512) 471-6259, VP: (512) 232-2937 or via e-mail if you have any questions.

McCombs Classroom Professionalism Policy

The highest professional standards are expected of all members of the McCombs community. The collective class reputation and the value of the Texas McCombs experience hinges on this.

Faculty are expected to be professional and prepared to deliver value for each and every class session. Students are expected to be professional in all respects. The Texas McCombs classroom experience is enhanced when:

- **Students arrive on time.**
- **Students display their name cards.**
- **Students are fully prepared for each class.**
- **Students attend the class section to which they are registered.**
- **Students respect the views and opinions of their colleagues.** Disagreement and debate are encouraged but intolerance for the views of others displays a lack of leadership skills.
- **Laptops are closed and put away except during class computer sessions.**
- **Phones and wireless devices are turned off.**
- **Minimize unscheduled personal breaks.** Disruptions impose negative externalities.

Academic Dishonesty

Dishonest students lose the respect of their classmates. As the instructor for this course, I agree to observe all the faculty responsibilities described in the Honor System. The responsibilities for both students and faculty with regard to the Honor System are described on the UT BBA website. You can get help from your classmates on the homework, but you cannot help each other on the Exams. <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ssd/index.php>

The Honor Pledge

The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business requires each enrolled student to adopt the Honor Pledge:

"I affirm that I belong to the honorable community of The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School. I will not lie, cheat or steal, nor will I tolerate those who do. I pledge my full support to the Honor System. I agree to be bound at all times by the Honor System and understand that any violation may result in my dismissal from the McCombs School of Business."