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Detailed Course Description - Course Plan Development and Updating Procedures/ Finance and Banking Department	QF05/0408-3.0E
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Faculty	Faculty of Business	Department	Dept. of Banking and Finance
Course number		Course title	International Finance
Number of credit hours	3	Pre-requisite/co-requisite	Microeconomics

**International finance, and international business finance in particular, is all about making decisions in the context of international financial environment. This course focuses on developing some of the tools that are necessary for students to be able to frame and solve the basic problems in international financial decision-making. We will confine our study to the topics of international financial environment, exchange rate behavior and its management, and investment financing decisions of multinational corporations.**

	Course goals and learning outcomes
<b>Goal 1</b>	To gain a rudimentary understanding of the makeup and functioning of foreign exchange markets.
Learning outcomes	1.1 understanding of the theories of international finance issues and apply them to real world situations. 1.2 Identify and analyze transaction exposure to exchange rate fluctuations and manage the transaction exposure using multiple hedging techniques.
<b>Goal 2</b>	To learn how to analyze and interpret Balance of Payments statistics and their relevance to national economies and exchange rates.
Learning outcomes	2.1 Students should be able to identify Balance of Payments statistics 2.2 analyze and interpret Balance of Payments statistics
<b>Goal 3</b>	To get acquainted with foreign exchange derivative tools including futures and options.
Learning outcomes	3.1 Students should understand foreign exchange derivative tools 3.2 Solve problems related to international arbitrage and interest rate parity
<b>Goal 4</b>	To develop a working knowledge with the numerous factors affecting exchange rates and their fluctuations.



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Learning outcomes	4.1 Students should understand the numerous factors affecting exchange rates
Textbook	1.- 1- <b>International Economics by Robert J. Carbaugh, 8<sup>th</sup> dition</b>
Supplementary references	1.- 2.- 3.-

Course timeline				
Week	Number of hours	Course topics	Pages (textbook)	Notes
01	6 - 24	<b>The Balance-of-Payments(BP)</b> 1.Double-Entry Accounting 2. BP Structure : Current Account& Capital Account	3	01
02	341 - 359	<b>The Balance-of- Payments(BP)</b> 3. What Does a Current Account Deficit (Surplus) Mean? 4. Net Foreign Investment and Current Account Balance 5. The Impact of Capital Flows on the Current Account	3	02
03	361- 389	6. Is Current Account Deficit a Problem ? 7. Balance of International Indebtedness	3	03
04	361- 389	<b>The Foreign Exchange Market</b> 1. Spot and Forward Exchange Rates 2. Forward and Futures Markets 3. Foreign-Currency Options 4. Exchange- Rate Determination :Demand & Supply of Foreign Exchange 5. Equilibrium Rate of Exchange	3	04
05	361- 389	<b>The Foreign Exchange Market</b> 6. Advantages and Disadvantages of a Strengthening and Weakening Currency 7. Nominal , Real , and Effective Exchange Rate	3	05



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		8. Arbitrage 9. The Forward Market : The Forward Rate 10. Forward Market Functions : Hedging		
06	361- 389	<b>The Foreign Exchange Market</b> 11. Interest Arbitrage : Uncovered and Covered Interest Arbitrage 12. Foreign-Exchange Market Speculation	3	06
07	395 - 430	<b>Exchange-Rate Determination</b> 1. Exchange-Rate Determination in a Free Market 2. Interest Rates and Exchange Rates 3. Inflation Rates , Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) , AND Exchange Rates : The Law of One Price ( LOP) and PPP	3	07
08	395 - 430	<b>Exchange-Rate Determination</b> 4. The Monetary Approach Exchange-Rate Determination 5. Exchange-Rate Overshooting 6. Forecasting Foreign-Exchange Rates : Judgmental , Technical , and Fundamental Analysis + Appendix 11(page 429)	3	08
09	431 - 445	<b>Balance-of-Payment Adjustments Under Fixed Exchange Rates</b> Price , Interest Rates , and Income Adjustments Income Determination in a Closed Economy & in an Open Economy	3	09
10	431 - 445	<b>Balance-of-Payment Adjustment Under Fixed Exchange Rates</b> 3. The Foreign Trade Multiplier 4. Monetary Adjustments 5. Policy Implications	3	10
11	447 - 459	<b>Exchange-Rate Adjustments and the Balance of Payment</b> 1. Effects of Exchange- Rate Changes on Costs and Prices 2. Requirements for a Successful Depreciation (Devaluation) 3. The Elasticity Approach to Exchange-Rate Adjustment 4- Time Path of Depreciation (Devaluation) : The J- Curve Effect	3	11



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12	465 - 468	<b>Exchange-Rate Adjustments and the Balance of Payment</b> 5. The Absorption Approach to Exchange-Rate Adjustment 6-The Monetary Approach to Exchange-Rate Adjustment	3	12
13	469 - 476	<b>Exchange-Rate Systems</b> 1. Fixed Exchange-Rate System & Exchange –Rate Stabilization -2Devaluation & Revaluation	3	13
14	469 - 476	<b>Exchange-Rate System</b> 2. Stabilizing Currencies of Developing Countries : Currency Boards Versus Dollarization 3. Floating Exchange Rate 4. Arguments for Against Floating Rates 5. Exchange-Rate Stabilization and Monetary Policy	3	14
15	497 - 506	<b>Macroeconomic Policy in an Open Economy</b> 1. Economic Objective of Nations : Internal Balance (IB) & External Balance (EB) 2. Policy Instruments	3	15
16	497 - 506	3- Monetary Policy and Fiscal Policy Under Fixed & Floating Exchange-Rate Systems	3	16

<b>Theoretical course evaluation methods and weight</b>	Participation = 10% First exam 20% Second exam 20% Final exam 50%	<b>Practical (clinical) course evaluation methods</b>	Semester students' work = 50% (Reports, research, quizzes, etc.) Final exam = 50%
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Approved by head of department		Date of approval	
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Extra information (to be updated every semester by corresponding faculty member)

Name of teacher		Office Number	
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