Introductory Overview

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Head of the Course

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Aims of the Course

- Understanding the mechanics and the economic rationale behind foreign exchange markets.
- Mastering the basic principles of international portfolio diversification.
- Gaining an insight about many current crucial issues concerning international financial markets. Developing a deeper understanding of their likely impact on the global economy.



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Course Delivery

The course revolves around a continuous blend between the macroeconomics and the microeconomics of international financial markets, while shedding light on daily FX market functioning and trading mechanisms.

The course will extensively combine theory and practice, with a twofold aim:

- Developing a sound theoretical background
- Mastering the basic principles of market trading and understanding current economic and financial issues on a worldwide scale



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Readings

- Textbook: International Finance, M.D. Levi, 5th edition 2009, Routledge
- Slides and additional material: provided throughout the course (available on my.liuc.it)



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Attending vs Non-Attending Students

- Attending students: closed book exam. The final grade will be marked up (extra points for attendance) for all the students attending at least 9 classes out of 15
- Non-attending students: closed book exam



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Additional Oral Examination - Optional

Once the written exam has been passed successfully, if so desired by the student, the final grade may be revised (**upwards/ downwards**) by sitting an additional oral examination right before the exam's registration.

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Minimum Passing Grade

Minimum passing grade for the written examination (**excluding** the additional points for attendance): 18/30. Remember that this is also a **necessary requirement to be admitted to the final oral exam**.



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Extra Points for Attendance - 9/15

Students attending at least 9 lessons out of 15 will get:

- 2 extra points, if they sit the final exam at the first exam session;
- 1 point, if they sit the final examination at the second exam session;
- No points, if they sit the final exam thereafter



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Extra Points for Attendance - 12/15

Students attending at least 12 lessons out of 15 will get:

- 3 extra points, if they sit the final exam at the first exam session;
- 2 points, if they sit the final examination at the second exam session;
- 1 point, if they sit the final examination at the third exam session;
- No points, if they sit the final exam thereafter



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Attendance

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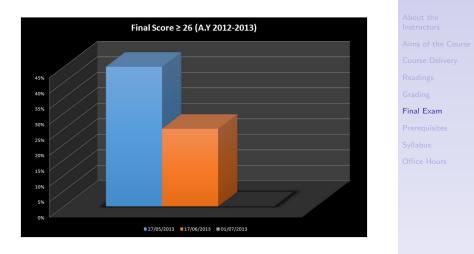


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Final Exam: the Sooner the Better

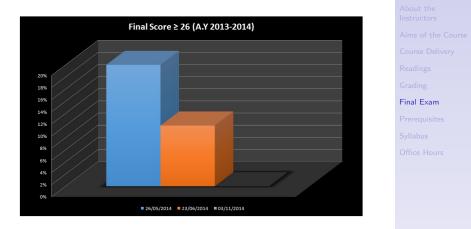


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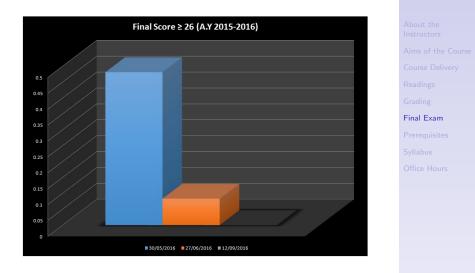


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Admission to Final Exam

Students that have not registered on line will **NOT** be allowed to sit the exam: **ONLINE REGISTRATION is STRICTLY REQUIRED for ADMISSION**



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Oral Exam

- NO online registration to the oral examination before sitting and passing the written test
- You first have to pass the written exam before registering for the oral exam (if so desired).
- In order to register to the oral examination, you have to refuse the final grade you got at the written test

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Final Exam

Prerequisites

A sound background in **International Economics** is warmly recommended. Some preliminary knowledge of **Market Finance and Derivatives** will also be of great help.



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Detailed schedule available on my.liuc.it

- International financial markets and the global economy
- The infrastructure of international finance: from the gold standard to the current economic and financial crisis
- Focus on FX market dynamics: quoting conventions, traded instruments and settlement procedures
- Exchange rate parity conditions and their empirical relevance
- BoP accounting and models of foreign exchange rate determination
- Risks, exposures and hedging techniques in an international environment
- International portfolio diversification
- FX markets efficiency and exchange rate forecasting

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Excluded Textbook Chapters

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Office Hours - Schlitzer

- When: Before class
- Where: Lecture Hall
- How: (On request) E-mail confirmation

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Office Hours - Ziliotto

- When: Mondays from 18.30 to 19.30
- Where: Lecture Hall
- **How**: E-mail confirmation

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