

# Introductory Overview

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# What We Do

- ▶ Provide an overview of financial globalization, its pros and cons, the markets and the main players
- ▶ Review main economic models to understand how financial and exchange rate markets work, as well as when economic policies are effective
- ▶ Understand the mechanics behind FX market functioning and FX trading
- ▶ Provide an overview of international portfolio management, with a special focus on risk management techniques
- ▶ Discuss the challenges that globalization carries for financial and monetary stability



# Readings

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



# 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.



# 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

Early leavers and late comers will **NOT** be considered as attending students.



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# Final Exam: the Sooner the Better

<b>Exam Session</b>	<b>Final Grade <math>\geq 27</math></b>
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>11,50%</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Later Sessions</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Do not forget to practice...**

# 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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- ▶ **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

# 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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- ▶ International financial markets and the global economy
- ▶ The infrastructure of international finance and major historical turmoils
- ▶ 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, hedging techniques and regulatory implications in an international environment
- ▶ International portfolio diversification

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# Excluded Textbook Chapters

- XVI: Exchange rate forecasting and speculation
- XIX: International dimension of capital budgeting
- XX: The growth and concerns about multinationals
- XXI: International dimensions of long-term financing
- XXII: Multinational banking
- XXIII: Instruments and institutions of international trade

# Office Hours - Schlitzer

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

# Office Hours - Ziliotto

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