



FIN 244 International Banking and Finance I

Summer 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 56 hours

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the core features and operational mechanisms of the international banking industry, while delving into the similarities and differences with domestic banking. Students will systematically study the regulatory framework of the international banking sector, with particular emphasis on the importance and impact of the Basel Accord. Additionally, the course will delve into the role and significance of foreign currency markets in international banking, and introduce various international financing techniques, enabling students to gain a thorough understanding and practical application.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Understand core features and operational mechanisms of international banking, compared to domestic banking;
2. Master regulatory framework, especially Basel Accord's importance and impact;
3. Explore role and significance of foreign currency markets in international banking;
4. Acquire various international financing techniques and apply them practically;
5. Develop comprehensive understanding and application of international banking knowledge.

PREREQUISITES

ECO 110 Microeconomics



GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

| ITEM | POINTS |
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| 4 Projects | 40 Points |
| 3 Quizzes | 15 Points |
| Midterm | 20 Points |
| Final Exam | 25 Points |
| Total | 100 Points |

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Jane Hughes, Scott MacDonald. *International Banking: Text and Cases*. Pearson, 2001.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None.

COURSE TOPICS

| MODULE | TASKS |
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| Module 1 | <p>Topics:</p> <p>Topic 1: Overview of International Banking</p> <p>Topic 2: Comparison of International and Domestic Banking</p> <p>Topic 3: Historical Evolution of International Banking</p> <p>Topic 4: Roles and Functions of International Banks</p> <p>Topic 5: Trends in International Banking</p> <p>Assessments:</p> <p>Project#1</p> |



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| | Quiz#1 |
| Module 2 | <p>Topics: Topic 6: Background and Significance of the Basel Accord Topic 7: Basic Principles of the Basel Accord Topic 8: Impact of the Basel Accord on International Banking Topic 9: Regulatory Authorities and Laws in International Banking Topic 10: Legal and Compliance Requirements for Cross-Border Banking Operations</p> <p>Assessments: Project#2 Quiz#2</p> |
| Module 3 | <p>Topics: Topic 11: Impact of Financial Crises on International Banking Regulation Topic 12: Role of Risk Management in International Banking Topic 13: Management of Sovereign and Country Risks Topic 14: Management of Exchange Rate and Interest Rate Risks Topic 15: Assessment and Control of Credit Risks</p> <p>Assessments: Midterm Project#3</p> |
| Module 4 | <p>Topics: Topic 16: Cross-Border Regulatory Cooperation and Information Sharing Topic 17: Compliance and Ethical Issues in International Banking Topic 18: Capital Requirements and Financial Stability in International Banking Topic 19: Influence of Tax Policies on International Banking Topic 20: Impact of Financial Technology and Digitalization on International Banking</p> <p>Assessments: Quiz#3 Project#4</p> |
| Module 5 | <p>Topics: Topic 21: Application of Blockchain Technology in International Banking Topic 22: Role of Cloud Computing and Big Data Analytics in International Banking Topic 23: Sustainable Finance and the Future of International Banking Topic 24: Globalization and Geopolitical Risks in International Banking Topic 25: Future Trends and Challenges in International Banking</p> <p>Assessments: Final Exam</p> |



STUDY HOURS OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES

| ACTIVITY FORM | ACTIVITY HOURS |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Lectures | 40 |
| Tutorial | 16 |
| Assignment and Tests | 26 |
| Self-Study | 48 |
| Total | 130 |

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50%



or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.