

**Business Administration 454:
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE**
(Fall Semester, 2005)

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Course Objective: This course considers financial issues associated with the operation of a firm in the international environment. The course will focus on the complications that make corporate financial decision making more complex for internationally oriented firms than purely domestic firms. The course is divided into three distinct segments. Segment 1 introduces international economic history and the theories that explain international business and foreign exchange rate determination. Segment 2 describes the relationships between exchange rates and various economic variables. Segment 3 illustrates how multinational corporations deal with the risk associated with exchange rate fluctuations. While the course presents theoretical points of view on the various issues, it uses both empirical evidence and discussion of firms' real world activities with the goal of preparing a student for a career dealing with financial issues of international corporate operations. The course material will be delivered in the form of lectures interspersed with case evaluation by the class possibly in groups.

Textbook (required): Jeff Madura, *International Financial Management*, 8th Ed.
(Thompson South-Western Publishing)

Grade Components:

<i>Method of Evaluation</i>	<i>Percentage of Grade</i>
Homework Assignments	15 %
Quizzes and Class Participation	15 %
Midterm 1	20 %
Midterm 2	20 %
Final Exam	30 %

Grading Scale: This scale is guaranteed but is flexible downwards.

<i>Score</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>
93-100 %	A	73-76 %	C
90-92 %	A-	70-72 %	C-
87-89 %	B+	67-69 %	D+
83-86 %	B	63-66 %	D
80-82 %	B-	60-62 %	D-
77-79 %	C+	59 or below	F

Homework Assignments: I will assign certain problems from the back of the chapter in the textbook or provide a handout of questions at the end of the Thursday lecture. I will announce the assignment problems in class as well as post the assignment details on WebCT. You are required to check WebCT often as I will post announcements there. Assignments must be turned in by Tuesday the following week. If you do not turn in the homework assignment on time you lose the points associated with it. Answers to the homework assignments will either be posted on WebCT or given out to you in class.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given occasionally in class and could include in-class case evaluation. I will announce the date for the quiz in class as well as on WebCT. If you miss a quiz due to a documented reason (you must inform me and provide a valid excuse) I will shift the points associated with the missed quiz over to the other quizzes. I will not be giving any make-up quizzes. Note that the only excused absences are for officially sanctioned college events and documented illness.

Midterms and Final Exam: There will be two midterms and one final exam. These will be closed book exams and I will inform you of the format of the exam. Before each exam I will conduct an in-class review of exam material. You are expected to come to the review session with specific questions and problems you may have with the course material. My policy is not to give make-up exams. If you miss the exam due to a documented reason (you must inform me and provide the valid excuse) I will shift the points associated with the exam to the remaining midterm and final exam. You cannot miss the final exam under any circumstances. Please note that it is not advisable to skip exams as this makes getting a good grade in the course much harder.

Class Attendance: You are expected to attend lectures. If you miss more than two classes consecutively you are required to send me an email explaining your absence. During each midterm period if you miss no more than one class 3 extra credit points will be added to your midterm grade.

Honor Code: All class work is covered by the Rhodes Honor Code. When handing in homework assignments and exams make sure to put your signature on the front page indicating that you abide by the Honor Code. Any violations of the code will be taken very seriously and reported to the Honor Council.

Disability: If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at x3994 as soon as possible. You are expected to bring me documentation from this office within the first two weeks of class so that I can make the necessary accommodations for you for the semester.

Course Outline: The following is a tentative schedule of material to be covered during the semester. This schedule is subject to change and you will be informed well before each midterm exam what material you are responsible for.

SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Material
Thurs	25 th August	Introduction to Course + Ch 1
Tues	30 th	Complete Ch 1 + in class Mini Case
Thurs	1 st September	Ch 2
Tues	6 th	Ch 2 contd. + in class Mini Case
Thurs	8 th	Ch 3
Tues	13 th	Ch 3 + in class Mini Case
Thurs	15 th	Ch 4
Tues	20 th	Ch 4 contd. + in class Mini Case
Thurs	22 nd	Ch 5
Tues	27 th	Ch 5 contd. + Review for Midterm
Thurs	29 th	Midterm 1
Tues	4 th October	Ch 6
Thurs	6 th	Ch 6 + in class Mini Case
Tues	11 th	Ch 7
Thurs	13 th	Ch 7 + in class Mini Case
Fall Break: 15 th – 18 th Oct.		
Thurs	20 th	Ch 8
Tues	25 th	Ch 8 + in class Mini Case
Thurs	27 th	Ch 9
Tues	1 st November	Ch 9 + in class Mini Case
Thurs	3 rd	Review for Midterm
Tues	8 th	Midterm 2
Thurs	10 th	Ch 10
Tues	15 th	Ch 10 contd. + Ch 11
Thurs	17 th	Ch 11 contd. + Ch 12
Tues	22 nd	Ch 12
Thanksgiving Break: 23 rd -27 th Nov.		
Tues	29 th	Ch 13
Thurs	1 st December	Ch 13 contd. + in class Mini Case
Tues	6 th	Review for Final Exam
Friday	9 th December	Final Exam 1:00 pm