



Course Syllabus

SPRING 2024

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FIN 440 – International Financial Management

Lecture Times & Location:

FIN 440/ 03A (and 02T): STT 12:00 – 12:50 PM

Classroom #: C-3-1001

Contact Information:

Office Hours: Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays / 11:00 – 11:45 AM

Or by appointment (requests via Teams)

Office Location: Department of Finance & Financial Institutions / Room: B-04-1033

Teaching Assistant:

Name : TBA

Email : ...

Office Hours : TBD

Tutorials : TBD

Course Description & Learning Outcomes:

This course examines the financial issues facing managers and firms involved in the international markets. The learning outcomes for this course – listed below – relate to the learning goals of the College of Business Administration (CBA) Undergraduate Program.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will understand the fundamentals of:

1. Structure and operation of global financial markets.
2. Foreign-exchange (FX) markets and Parity propositions.
3. Types of securities and derivatives traded in international markets.
4. International bond (debt) market.
5. Foreign direct investment (FDI) climate.

Textbook:

Eun, Cheol, and Bruce Resnick. *International Financial Management*, 7th ed. McGraw-Hill. 2014.

Additional Material:

- Other material, including **course PPT Slides, will be available on Teams.**
- Financial Calculator.



Course Requirements & Policies:

I expect every student to read the assigned chapters/slides in preparation for the lectures for effective participation. **I do not expect you, however, to know topics not covered in class.**

Therefore, I expect you to attend each class and participate, constructively/productively, in discussions.

Exams:

There will be **(2) Midterm examinations, and a third (Final) comprehensive exam, with no make-up exams allowed.** **The dates of the exams will be confirmed and announced in class,** according to material coverage as follows.

Grading:

The scores in this course will be the weighted average of the following items:

Weight	Description (if no changes made)
10%	Timely attendance & active/productive participation (for prepared/informed discussion)
25%	Midterm I (chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5).
25%	Midterm II (chapters 6, 7, 12, and 16).
40%	Final Examination (comprehensive). DATE: As specified on KU Portal (and written in the table below).
100%	TOTAL

However, the instructor retains the right to change the number of exams and/or weights of each exam as the course progresses (as/if needed).

Attendance: Student must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Attendance (published in the Student Guide, Chapter 3, Section 13). A copy of the student guide can be accessed online at:

http://www.kuniv.edu/cs/groups/ku/documents/ku_content/kuw055940.pdf

Cheating and Plagiarism: Student must abide by the Kuwait University Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism (published in the Student Guide, Chapter 3, Section 2).

Under no circumstances should you take credit for work that is not yours.

Grade Distribution:

Grade	Range
A	≥ 95
A-	≥ 90 and < 95
B+	≥ 87 and < 90



B	≥ 83 and < 87
B-	≥ 80 and < 83
C+	≥ 77 and < 80
C	≥ 73 and < 77
C-	≥ 70 and < 73
D+	≥ 65 and < 70
D	≥ 60 and < 65
F	< 60
FA	7 absences (late attendance not allowed).

Important Dates:

Date (tentative)	Event
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Last day to suspend registration (وقف القيد الاختياري).
Saturday 16 th March 2024	Last day to withdraw from courses (الانسحاب من المقررات).
Thursday 18 th April 2024	Last day to fully withdraw (تقديم الالتماسات للانسحاب الكلي).
Monday 13 th May 2024	Last day of classes.
Thursday 23rd May 2024 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Final Exam – comprehensive.

Course Outline:

Title
Ch.1 – Globalization and the Multinational Firm
Ch.2 – International Monetary System
Ch.4 – Corporate Governance Around The World
Ch.5 – The Market for Foreign Exchange
Ch.6 – International Parity Relationships and Forecasting Foreign Exchange Rates
Ch.7 – Futures and Options of Foreign Exchange
Ch.12 – International Bond Market
Ch.16 – Foreign Direct Investment and Cross-Border Acquisitions