

School of Economics and Finance

## **MOFI 303 MONETARY ECONOMICS**

Trimester One 2008

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **Contact Details**

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#### **Class Times and Room Numbers**

There are three 50-min lectures per week:

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 08:30-09:20am,  
Government Building Lecture Theatre 1 (GB LT1)

There are three tutorial groups, and students are required to attend the one they signed for.  
The time and location for each are:

Wednesday 09:30-10:20am, RWW128.  
Thursday 09:30-10:20am, RWW129.  
Friday 09:30-10:20am, RWW129.

Prerequisite: MOFI 202 and QUAN 111.

Final examination: June 6<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

#### **Course Objectives**

The intended learning outcomes for students who complete this course are:

1. A basic understanding of different issues in Monetary Economic Theories.
2. The ability to analyse inflation, exchange rate, interaction between money and other assets, the effect of money on real economic variables...etc in different aspects.
3. The ability to use and construct monetary models to evaluate how money affects savings, investment, inflation, the role of financial intermediaries, the payment system, and hence, the macro-economy.
4. The ability to understand and use logical reasoning.
5. The ability to identify key assumptions and their effects on outcomes of the models.

## Course Content

Week	Chapter(s) in Champ & Freeman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Topic(s)
1	1	A Simple Model of Money
2	2	Barter and Commodity Money
3	3	Inflation
4	4	International Monetary Systems
5	5, 6	Price Surprises; Capital
6	7	Liquidity and Financial Intermediation
7	8	Central Banking and the Money Supply
8	9, 10	Money Stock Fluctuations; Fully Backed Central Bank Money
9	11, 12	The Payment System; Bank Risk
10	13	Deficits and the National Debt
11	14, 15	Savings and Investment; The Effect of the National Debt on Capital and Savings
12		Review

## Expected Workload

It is estimated that the workload will average out at approximately 18 hours per week.

Attendance at classes (Lectures and tutorial): 4 hours/week

Reading and reviewing: 12 hours/week

Doing assignments: 2 hours/week

## Readings

(Required) Bruce Champ and Scott Freeman (2001), *Modeling Monetary Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Cambridge Press.

### Examples of additional supplementary readings

Books (available in Commerce Library 3-day loan):

- David E. W. Laidler (1985), *Demand for Money: Theories, Evidence, and Problems*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, New York Press.
- Keith Bain and Peter Howells (2003), *Monetary Economics: Policy and its Theoretical Basis*, Palgrave MacMillan Press.
- Carl E. Walsh (2003), *Monetary Theory and Policy*, MIT Press.
- H. Visser (1974), *Quantity of Money*, Robertson Press.

Books (available in Commerce Library closed reserve):

- Robert E. Jr. Lucas (1981), *Studies in Business Cycle Theory*, Basil Blackwell Press.
- Thomas J. Sargent (1986), *Rational Expectations and Inflation*, Harper & Row Press.

Research articles (websites):

- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review (<http://minneapolisfed.org/research/qr/>)
- Federal Reserve Bulletin (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bulletin/default.htm>).
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Quarterly Review (<http://www.frbsf.org/publications/economics/review/index.html>)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Economic Review ([http://www.frbatlanta.org/publica/pubs\\_pubrouter.cfm?pub\\_type=ECONOMIC%20REVIEW](http://www.frbatlanta.org/publica/pubs_pubrouter.cfm?pub_type=ECONOMIC%20REVIEW))
- Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Canadian Journal of Economics, (<http://www.jstor.org/browse>).

### **Assessment Requirements**

**Either** 30% for tutorial assignments, 5% for tutorial attendance, 10% for lecture attendance, and 55% for final examination

**Or** 100% final examination, whichever is greater.

Registry Examination period will be held between 9<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

### **Lectures:**

The record of each lecture attendance will be taken at 8:20am til 8:40am (10 mins. after lectures start). Any arrival 10 mins after lectures start will NOT be taken, and will NOT be counted for that particular lecture.

Note that the lecture attendance is to encourage students who attend lectures ON TIME and who participate into the whole lecture. Therefore, NO excuses will be accepted for the absence or late arrival of the lectures.

### **Tutorials:**

There will be four tutorials in total, which will take place in the following weeks:

1. the third week (12-14 March),
2. the sixth week (2-4 April),
3. the ninth week (7-9 May),
4. the twelfth week (28-30 May),

Students are required to attend the tutorial session. Tutorial groups will be organized by Suzanne Freear (contact details above) during the first week of lectures and will start in the third week (12-14 March).

Tutorials assignment questions will be available on Blackboard, in the week preceding each tutorial. Students are expected to turn in all FOUR assignments.

Assignments must be:

- (i) completed independently;
- (ii) typed, not exceeding 1600 words in total (appendices, equations and graphs excluded)
- (iii) placed in the tutor's box (Chia-Ying Chang, box #84) on the Mezzanine floor of Rutherford House by **1pm** on the **Monday** preceding that particular tutorial (students should keep a copy).

Each assignment is of equal weight. Only the best three assignments will be counted for final grades. Any late assignment will be awarded a grade of zero (unless a valid medical certificate issued by licensed medical centre is presented or a valid form of proof that an extension is warranted). Students have to be prepared to present their assignment and to answer questions in tutorial sessions. The presentation is compulsory to receive points for tutorial attendance.

Students are expected to work independently. Discussion of the assigned problems with other students is accepted, but students should write up their own answers to the problems. Do not copy someone else's answers—you learned nothing that way and your work will be penalised if proved guilty of plagiarism, which is subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct ([www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct)) and may be penalized severely.

Please do NOT ask tutors for help in solving the assigned problems. Students should do the assignment by themselves first. Solutions will be discussed at the tutorial session. Regular attendance at lectures and tutorials is important, as NO model answers to tutorial problems will be provided. If the tutorial session runs out of time for some of the questions, students can ask tutors to check their answers to those problems.

Students are encouraged to be active in tutorial discussion, including answering questions, providing useful comments...etc.

### **Penalties**

Any late assignment will be awarded a grade of zero (unless a VALID medical certificate issued by licensed medical centre is presented or a valid form of proof that an extension is warranted).

### **Mandatory Course Requirements**

Students must turn in at least THREE assignments on time (or within an approved extension period).

### **Communication of Additional Information**

Communication of additional information will be posted on Blackboard through an Announcement.

### **Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices**

#### Railway West Wing (RWW) - FCA Student and Academic Services Office

The Faculty's Student and Academic Services Office is located on the ground and first floors of the Railway West Wing. The ground floor counter is the first point of contact for general enquiries and FCA forms. Student Administration Advisers are available to discuss course status and give further advice about FCA qualifications. To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

#### Easterfield (EA) - FCA/Education/Law Kelburn Office

The Kelburn Campus Office for the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, Education and Law is situated in the Easterfield Building - it includes the ground floor reception desk (EA005) and offices 125a to 131 (Level 1). The office is available for the following:

- Duty tutors for student contact and advice.
- Information concerning administrative and academic matters.

- Forms for FCA Student and Academic Services (e.g. application for academic transcripts, requests for degree audit, COP requests).
- Examinations-related information during the examination period.

To check for opening hours call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

### **General University Policies and Statutes**

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar or go to [www.vuw.ac.nz/policy](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy).

For information on the following topics, go to the Faculty's website [www.vuw.ac.nz/fca](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/fca) under Important Information for Students:

- Academic Grievances
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

### **Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme**

Manaaki Pihipihinga is an academic mentoring programme for undergraduate Māori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sessions are held at the Kelburn and Pipitea Campuses in the Mentoring Rooms, 14 Kelburn Parade (back courtyard), Room 109D, and Room 210, Level 2, Railway West Wing. There is also a Pacific Support Coordinator who assists Pacific students by linking them to the services and support they need while studying at Victoria. Another feature of the programme is a support network for Postgraduate students with links to Postgraduate workshops and activities around Campus.

For further information, or to register with the programme, email [manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz) or phone (04) 463 5233 ext. 8977. To contact the Pacific Support Coordinator, email [pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz) or phone (04) 463 5842.