BOSTON COLLEGE
Department of Economics

EC 372: International Finance
Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 1:30
Location: Carney 203
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Syllabus: Spring 2012

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the field of economics known as
International Macroeconomics and Finance. It broadly deals with the monetary aspects of
international economics. We will address a wide range of topics, including: foreign
exchange rates, international capital movements, the benefits and costs of globalization,
economic policy in an open economy, exchange rate regimes, and monetary union. We
will naturally focus on the causes and consequence of financial crises, keeping an
international perspective.
We will discuss real-world events, but it is important to remember that this is a course in
economic theory. Problem sets and examinations will emphasize the application of theory
learned in class to particular situations.

Textbook: “International Macroeconomics, 2nd Edition” by Feenstra and Taylor. We will
cover the entire textbook, more or less in order.
This textbook comprises chapters 12-22 of “International Economics, 2nd Edition” by
Feenstra and Taylor. There is a paperback edition, an e-book version, and a loose-leaf
version. Please purchase the version which suits you best. There are also copies for rent
at the BC bookstore.

Prerequisites: Intermediate macro (202, 204 or equivalent).

Requirements: A final exam (May 8th, 60%), a midterm exam (March 1st, 20%),
weekly problem sets (15%), class participation (5%).
Additional Resources:

Books:


Websites:

*International Monetary Fund: www.imf.org*. This is the premier internet source for international macroeconomic data. Their annual World Economic Outlook is very widely read.

*The Economist: www.economist.com*. Lots of their excellent current stories and opinion are free.

*The Financial Times*: www.ft.com. They are especially strong on international finance topics, with frequently excellent reporting and analysis.