

Money and Banking
Econ 3410B
2020-2021 Term 2

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Class Time: Mon. 2:30pm- 4:15pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course studies the role that money, central banks, and financial intermediaries play in the operation of the macro-economy. It covers topics on basic monetary theory, central banking and monetary policies, and the financial system of a country. The aim of the course is to give students an overview of the financial markets and a solid understanding of the above topics.

REQUIRED TEXT

The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, 12th Edition, by Frederic S. Mishkin.

TEACHING MODE

Online teaching

BLACKBOARD

Course materials, including syllabus, homework assignments, handouts, etc., will be uploaded to Blackboard.

GRADING POLICY

There will be **three homework assignments** and **one comprehensive online final exam**. Each homework will account for 10% of your total grade. Students are required to complete the homework assignments independently and submit the completed assignments via the Blackboard system by the specified deadlines. The comprehensive final will account for 70% of the final grade and will be conducted online. Final Exam date is set by the university and will be announced in class.

My grading system is transparent. Your grade will be assigned completely based on your actual performance. You are welcome to ask about your grade standing at any time. Unless your grade is miscalculated, please do not ask me to change your grade after an exam. I would refuse to do so for any other reason. I can only help you to improve your grades before you take the exam.

GRADE DESCRIPTORS

A / A-	Outstanding/Generally outstanding performance on all learning outcomes.
B+ / B / B-	Substantial performance on all learning outcomes, OR high performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.
C+ / C / C-	Satisfactory performance on the majority of learning outcomes, possibly with a few weaknesses.
D+ / D	Barely satisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes
F	Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements.

TUTORIALS

There will be 3 TA-led tutorials following each homework assignment.

CLASS PARTICIPATION

This is your education! I have generally found that students that come to all the classes make A's and students who skip out all the time make D's and F's.

Please be adult, be responsible, be respectful and be kind in the classroom.

This includes:

1. Come to class on time and stay to the end. If you must leave early, let me know at the beginning of the class and leave quietly. If you get here late, enter quietly.
2. Don't chat during the lectures. This is a distraction to those of us who are engaged in learning.
3. Be respectful of others who may have different views and backgrounds than your own. Do not use derogatory or vulgar language in the classroom. It is the University's policy that students attending classes should be well taken care of. Since all students have the right to attend classes, those students who have chosen not to attend classes should respect the wish of others who want to attend classes.
4. Turn off your cell phone or put it in vibration/silent mode.

Note: If you miss a lecture, it is your own responsibility to get notes from a classmate. I do not repeat lectures during office hours.

MAKE-UP POLICY

No makeup tests will be administered. No late homework assignment will be accepted.

HONESTY IN ACADEMIC WORK

The Chinese University of Hong Kong places very high importance on honesty in academic work submitted by students and adopts a policy of *zero tolerance* on cheating in examinations and plagiarism. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University.

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT STRATEGIES

1. Attend each class.
2. Read text before class.
3. Ask questions, when material is unclear.
4. Review notes and text after class.
5. Do all the homework assignments and study in advance of the next exam.

TENTATIVE COVERAGE OF TOPICS

Part I. Money and Interest Rates (Weeks 1-3)

1. What Is Money (Chapter 3)
2. The Meaning of Interest Rates (Chapter 4)
3. The Behavior of Interest Rates (Chapter 5)
4. The Risk and Term Structure of Interest Rates (Chapter 6)

Part II. Central Banking, Money Supply, and Monetary Policy (Weeks 4-6)

1. Central Banking and The Money Supply Process (Chapters 14-15)
2. Tools of Monetary Policy (Chapter 16)
3. The Conduct of Monetary Policy: Strategy and Tactics (Chapter 17)

Part III. Monetary Policy in an Open Economy (Weeks 7-10)

1. The Foreign Exchange Market and the Exchange Rates (Chapter 18)
2. Exchange Rate Regimes and the International Financial System (Chapter 19)
3. Monetary Policy in an Open Economy: The Case of Hong Kong (Online Materials)

Part IV. Monetary Theory (Weeks 11-13)

1. Money Demand Theory (Chapter 20)
2. Deriving the IS and the MP Curves (Chapters 21-22)
3. The AD and AS Framework (Chapters 22-23)
4. Monetary Policy Theory (Chapters 24-25)

Note: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including but not limited to the teaching mode arrangement and the test date, when unforeseen circumstances occur. These changes will be announced as early as possible so that students can adjust their schedules.