



Econ 490, Monetary Economics  
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## Syllabus Econ490, Spring 2017

This syllabus may change throughout the course

**Course Description:** This course focuses on the role of money in macroeconomics and financial system. The course consists of two parts. The first part of the course will be devoted to the financial system and its components. The second part will concentrate on the role of central bank and monetary policy.

**Prerequisites:** Calculus II, intermediate Macroeconomics.

**Main Text:** *Money, Banking, and the Financial System*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

**Authors:** R.G Hubbard and A.P. O'Brien ; **ISBN-13:** 978-0132994910

**Alternative:** *The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets*

**Authors:** F.S. Mishkin K. Mathews M. Guiliodori

### Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand how financial markets operate
2. Study the impact of monetary policy on the economy
3. Develop quantitative skills of modeling in economics
4. Learn how to interpret the results from quantitative models.

### Assessment and Grades:

Your grades will be based on homework assignments and other written assignments (20%), two midterm exams(25% each) and the final exam(30%).

This class uses plus/minus grading system. The grades will be adjusted based on the distribution, but roughly  $\geq 85$  is A,  $\geq 75$  is B, and  $\geq 60$  is C.

### Exams:

Exam 1: TBA(Chapters 1-6+ other)

Exam 2: TBA( Chapters 7-11+ other)

Final: TBA, Cumulative

### Tentative Course Outline:

The course coverage might change as it depends on the progress of the class. However, you must keep up with the reading assignments.

| Section   | Content  |
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| Section 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ch 1-6 of main textbook, other reading assignments.</li></ul>  |
| Section 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ch 7-11 of main textbook, other reading assignments.</li></ul> |
| Section 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ch 13-16</li><li>• Lecture notes on monetary policy</li></ul>  |

### Course Policies:

- **General**

- Computers are not allowed to be used unless instructed to do so.
- Quizzes and exams are closed book, closed notes.
- **No makeup quizzes or exams will be given.**

- Students are expected to work independently. **Offering** and **accepting** solutions from others is an act of **plagiarism**, which is a serious offense and **all involved parties will be penalized according to the Academic Honesty Policy**.

- **No late assignments will be accepted under any circumstances.**

- Students with disabilities, please contact DRES for special assistance as early as possible. To contact DRES you may visit 1207 S. Oak Street, Champaign, call 333-4603, or email [disability@uiuc.edu](mailto:disability@uiuc.edu)

- Final Exam Policy is available at: [http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3\\_part2\\_3-201.html](http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part2_3-201.html)

- Academic Integrity Policy is available at [http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1\\_part4\\_1-401.html](http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1_part4_1-401.html).

- Emergency Response Recommendations are available at <http://police.illinois.edu/emergency-preparedness/>.