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International monetary economics

In view of the health context linked to the spread of the coronavirus, the methods of organisation and evaluation of the learning units could be adapted in different situations; these possible new methods have been - or will be - communicated by the teachers to the students.

5 credits	30.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Bodart Vincent;					
Language :	French					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Main themes	The course is concerned with the study of the main economic factors and mechanisms that explain the determination of external current accounts, real and nominal exchange rate changes and international capital move-ments. The main topics of the course are: the ajustement process of the external current account, the determination of nominal and real exchange rates in the short-run and in the long-run, central bank interventions in the foreign exchange market, the impact of the exchange rate regime on macroeconomic fluctuations, and the mechanics of financial crises.					
Aims	At the end of the course, the student is supposed to be able to understand precisely the main concepts, argu-ments, and analyses presented during the class. He must be capable to use the theories presented during the course in order to analyze rigourously international monetary facts and events.					
	The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".					
Evaluation methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. The formal evaluation is an oral exam . The duration of the examen is about 20 minutes. The grade will depend on: (1) how well the student masters the concepts and economic mecanisms taught during the course and (ii) the capacity of the student to apply these concepts and mecanisms to analyse a case study.					
Teaching methods	Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change. A syllabus is available. The syllabus is supplemented by a list of readings that will be discussed during the class.					
Content	Topics The course is concerned with the study of the main economic factors and mechanisms that explain the determination of external current accounts, real and nominal exchange rate changes and international capital movements. The main topics of the course are: the ajustement process of the external current account, the determination of nominal and real exchange rates in the short-run and in the long-run, central bank interventions in the foreign exchange market, the impact of the exchange rate regime on macroeconomic fluctuations, and the mechanics of financial crises. Content: Part 1. Definitions and concepts Chapter 1. The balance of payments Chapter 2. Exchange rates: definitions and measures Part 2. The determination of the balance of payments and exchange rates in a general equilibrium macroeconomic framework Chapter 3. The model					
	 Chapter 4. The case of flexible rates Chapter 5. The case of fixed exchange rates Part 3. The adjustment process of the external current account Chapter 6. The effets of devaluation: theoretical and empirical aspects Chapter 7. The adjustment process of the external current account in a small open economy Part 4. The determination of exchange rates Chapter 8. Purchasing power parity, nominal and real exchange rates Chapter 9. Exchange rates, expectations, and financial markets: the overshooting phenomena 					

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	Part 5. Special topics • Chapter 10. The mechanics of financial crises • Chapter 11. The economics of debt reduction
Inline resources	Syllabus + slides + readings
Bibliography	Syllabus "Relations monétaires internationales"
Other infos	Pre-requisite: Undergraduate macroeconomics
Faculty or entity in charge	ECON

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [60] in Economics : General	ECON2M1	5		٩		
Master [120] in Economics: General	ECON2M	5		٩		