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Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 23 Jun 2025 to 11 Jul 2025

Modes: Face-to-face

Location: Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Credit Points:

The course is worth 6 units of credit point.

Credit Hours

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semester- long course.

Contact Hours

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, self-study, and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

Enrolment Requirements

Eligibility requires enrollment in an overseas university as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, proficiency in English, and pre-approval from the student's home institution.

Course Description:

The course explores the dynamics of money, commercial banking, and central banking within the financial system, emphasizing the role of financial instruments and efficient markets in facilitating capital flow between savers and investors. It provides students with a comprehensive understanding of financial institutions, their services, and the critical process of financial intermediation. The course also delves into the implementation of monetary policy by central banks and its economic repercussions on national and international scales, while addressing contemporary regulatory frameworks, government regulatory agencies, and ongoing policy discussions in the financial sector.

Prerequisite:

N/A

Learning Resources

- Stephen Cecchetti; Kermit Schoenholtz, Money, Banking and Financial Markets, 6th edition, McGraw-Hill Higher Education (International), 2021
- Hubbard, R.G. and O'Brien, A.P., 2018. Money, banking, and the financial system. Pearson.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Fundamentals of Money: Acquire a solid understanding of the concept of money, its evolution, and its role in the financial system.
- Commercial Banking: Gain insights into the functions and operations of commercial banks, including deposit-taking, lending, and financial services.
- Central Banking: Understand the role and functions of central banks in controlling monetary policy and promoting economic stability.
- Financial Instruments: Learn about various financial instruments used in capital transfer, such as bonds, stocks, and derivatives.

Course Delivery:

- Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and other sessions will be run during weekdays.

Topics and Course Schedule:

WK	Topic	Activities
1	Introduction to Money and the Financial System	Lecture; Tutorial
1	The Six Parts of the Financial System	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Money and the Payment System	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Interest Rates, Financial Instruments, and Financial Market	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Understanding Risk: Risk Aversion, the Risk Premium, and the Risk-Return Tradeoff	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Bonds and Bond Prices	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Bond Yields	Lecture; Tutorial
2	The Economics of Financial Intermediation	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Banks and Bank Management	Lecture; Tutorial
2	In-class Test	Closed book
2	Financial Industry Structure	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Regulating the Financial System	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Central Banks	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Monetary Policy	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Financial Stability	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Modern Monetary Economics	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Revision	Tutorial
3	Final exam	Closed book

Assessments:

Class participation	15%
In-class Test	15%
Assignments	20%
Final exam	50%

Grade Descriptors:

HD	High Distinction	85-100
D	Distinction	75-84
Cr	Credit	65-74
P	Pass	50-64
F	Fail	0-49

High Distinction 85-100

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding, and analysis.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate.
- All criteria addressed to a high level.

Distinction 75-84

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis Work is well-written and stylistically strong.
- All criteria addressed strongly.

Credit 65-74

- Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas
- Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors.
- All criteria addressed clearly.

Pass 50-64

- Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors.
- Most criteria addressed adequately.

Fail 0-49

- Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task, major problems with expression.
- Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programs of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

Policy

The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University. The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.

Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered. The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this policy. The following penalties may be imposed:

- ✓ Expulsion
- ✓ Suspension
- ✓ Zero mark /fail grade
- ✓ Marking down
- ✓ Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports, and
- ✓ Verbal or written warning.