



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

EE 439 Seminar in Monetary Economics

Semester: 2/2011 (January 9 - May 20, 2012)
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Office hour: 9:30-12:00 am (Wednesday, Friday)
Time: Wednesday and Friday, 08.00 – 09.30
Room: 201, Faculty of Economics

Prerequisites: (a) EE 431 and EE 432 or
(b) By lecturer consent

Motivation

The course examines current issues in monetary economics. The goal of the course is to enhance students' research capability by allowing students to appreciate the application of economic theories to the real world. It is expected that students will systematically employ quantitative methods to investigate current topics in international trade and international finance. Strong research capability based on firm theoretical underpinning would help students in the future.

Nature of the seminar

Students will discuss current issues in international trade and international monetary economics based on recent developments reported in journals and newspapers. Each student must review an article provided in the list of references. Students must be aware of theoretical underpinnings. From time to time, each student will be given a task to present his/her findings as a part of volunteer work. This is the basic method of class evaluation.

Research paper

Students are required to write a research paper by employing an appropriate method of economic investigation. Each paper will also be discussed by other students throughout the course. The research paper will be presented in the class starting from an early stage of proposal preparation (February), progress report (March), and the first draft presentation (May). Evaluation of the research paper is based on originality, effort, preparedness, class interaction, and analytical ability. The final draft must be submitted by May 1, 2012.

Grading

Seminar	40%
Review of Literature	15%
Class discussion	15%
Volunteer homework	10%
 Research Paper	 60%
Proposal	10%
Progress report	20%
Final draft	30%

Remarks:

◆ Second semester begins	Jan. 9, 2012
◆ Period of withdrawal without "W"	Jan. 9-23, 2012
◆ Mid-Term Examination	Feb. 27 – March 3, 2012
◆ Last day of withdrawal with "W"	March 21, 2012
◆ Last day of class	Apr. 29, 2012
◆ Final Examination	May 4 - 20, 2012

Journal articles will be assigned accordingly to suit the direction of individual's research interest.
