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International Finance

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COURSE AIMS

This course investigates the main trends, tools and indicators of how the macro-economy evolves. It also studies the determinants and the effects of macro policies on households and businesses.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course allows students to practically use the main concepts of macroeconomics to better understand the mechanisms of the crisis according to the methods used in the media.

In this course, students also improve their ability to read and interpret the content of articles on economic, learning to assess independently the effects of macroeconomic policies.

COURSE CONTENTS

1. The main trends in the world economy before the crisis (with short review of macroeconomics essentials)
2. Finance and macroeconomics
3. How to predict recessions and recoveries
4. How central banks intervene
5. How governments intervene
6. Exchange rates and the euro

READING LIST

- Lecture slides
- Additional articles from the press and websites will be indicated in class and in the lecture slides (with clickable links) and posted at the course website.

TEACHING METHOD

Traditional lectures and – occasionally - collective discussion of short pieces from the press and the web.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

The grading for this part of the course will include a reward for active class participation (20% of the total grade) and a final exam (80% of the total grade). The final exam will include three questions to be answered in one hour. The text of a mock exam that closely replicates the structure of the final exam will be uploaded at the course website in advance.

NOTES

Information on office hours available on the teacher's personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>