

Syllabus

for course at first level

International Finance

Internationell finansiering

7.5 Higher Education

Credits

7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	FE3127
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Department	Stockholm Business School
Main field:	Företagsekonomi
Specialisation:	G1F - First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The syllabus is decided by the Faculty of Social Sciences on December 2, 2013, laswt revised June 12, 2014.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

45 credits from Business Studies I and II, or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
3127	International Finance	7.5

Course content

The international economy is playing an ever increasing role in finance matters. This course introduces students to international aspects of finance and focuses on practical knowledge needed for the management of financial and investment functions of multinational corporations. In this course, students will discern how the international capital markets and foreign exchange markets can be used to manage transaction and operating risks facing the multinational firm. Students will learn how to manage multinational company's investment and financing activities. The relevance of country risk and cross-border investments will also be examined. The general emphasis is on the identification and management of opportunities and risk relating to international investments, exchange rate fluctuations, international financial markets and government policy changes.

Learning outcomes

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course you should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Understand the institutional framework within which international payments are made and the movement of capital is accommodated.
2. Understand the construction and interpretation of the balance of payments.

Skills and abilities

3. Analyse the international capital and foreign exchange markets and the institutional framework within which exchange rates are determined.
4. Analyse international capital budgeting decisions.

Judgement and approach

5. Identify and evaluate foreign direct investment and international acquisition opportunities.
6. Evaluate and express well-considered opinions on issues relating to international financial management.

Education

The course consists of a combination of lectures, seminars and group work and requires a significant portion of self-study on the part of students. Assessment for the course will be continuous and is carried throughout the different activities of the course.

The course workload (model: 40 hours per week equivalent to 1,5 ECTS) is allocated as follows:

Teacher-led lectures: 20 hours

Teacher-led seminars: 10 hours

Group Work: 40 hours

Peer Reviewing: 10 hours

Self-studies: 115 hours

Assessment: 5 hours

Total workload: 200 hours equivalent to 7,5 ECTS.

The language of instruction is English.

Please note that all teaching and learning activities - such as lectures, seminars, assignments and assessment tasks – are carried out in English when the language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

Assessment for the course will be continuous and is carried throughout the different course activities. Each assessment task is weighted in relation to its importance in the overall assessment of the course. The student's results from the different assessment tasks are added up to a total course score that will then translate into the final grade for the course.

Assessment tasks

The course contains the following weighted assessment tasks:

1. Individual written exam: assesses intended learning outcomes 1–6; constitutes 60% of total course points.
2. Quiz (Multiple Choice Test): assesses intended learning outcomes 1–4; constitutes 10% of total course points.
3. Project Work: assesses intended learning outcomes 1–6; constitutes 30% of total course points.

Grading

After completion of the course, students will receive grades on a scale related to the intended learning outcomes of the course. Passing grades are A, B, C, D and E. Failing grades are Fx and F. A grade Fx can be completed for a grade E.

A course comprises 0–100 course points. Receiving a final passing grade requires ≥ 50 course points. The scale for the final grade is tied to fixed score intervals: A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; E: 50-59;

Fx: 45-49; F: 45. The grades correspond to the total score points a student obtains (over a total of 100) for all the weighted assessment tasks combined as part of the continuous assessment for the course. Each assessment task is awarded 0–100 points. The score for a single assessment task is the number of points multiplied by its percentage weight, and the combined total of score points for all weighted assessment tasks for the course are added up to a final score between 0 and 100 which then translates into a corresponding final course grade between A and F.

All assessment tasks are assessed on a 100-point scale.

The student is responsible for completing the course's assessment tasks: that a sufficient amount of course points is earned and a passing course grade is obtained. The course's final assessment task can only be taken twice: 1) during the course, its first final assessment task; and, if a passing result (≥ 50 course points) was not achieved at the first occasion, 2) in the course's second, scheduled final assessment task. All other assessment tasks are only offered once during the course.

A passing grade (A–E) in the course is obtained when a student has achieved ≥ 50 course points.

A failing grade (Fx or F) in the course is obtained when a student has not achieved ≥ 50 course points:

- If 45–49 course points are achieved, a grade Fx is obtained, which can be completed for a grade E within 3 semester weeks after receiving instructions from the course director. If a complementary task is not completed within this time limit, and the course's two final assessment tasks have been accomplished, the course grade Fx is confirmed, implying that the student must re-register for the course and that previously acquired course points are forfeited. Note that first-time registered students have priority access to the seminar groups.
- If 45 course points are achieved, a grade F is obtained, implying that the entire course must be retaken and that previously acquired course points are forfeited.

Students receiving a passing grade may not retake the final examination or complete a previously not completed assessment task to attain a higher grade. A passing grade may not be turned into a failing grade upon the request of a student.

Assessment criteria

Assessment criteria are designed as overall assessments, combined qualitative descriptions of what the student is expected to do in order to demonstrate how well the course's learning outcomes are achieved. The assessment criteria are based upon the general abilities as expressed in the degree objectives of the Higher Education Ordinance (appendix 2, System of Qualifications). The list of abilities below is a compilation of these degree objectives. To pass the course (grade E) students should demonstrate general ability to:

- recall, understand and explain course content, the course subject and its scientific basis and methodology;
- apply course content;
- critically analyse course content;
- problematise course content;
- relate course content to current social issues.

The following assessment criteria are used to decide to what extent students have demonstrated these abilities and hence fulfil the course's intended learning outcomes, whereby a grading decision can be made. A higher grade-level presupposes the abilities at lower levels.

A (Excellent) ☐

The student demonstrates ability to evaluate and relate to the content of the course from a comprehensive, critically reflective perspective, as well as to transfer and apply insights in new, meaningful contexts.

B (Very Good) ☐

The student demonstrates ability to, from an overarching and coherent perspective of the field, understand and use concepts to explain how different aspects of the course relate to each other, interconnect and become meaningful.

C (Good) □

The student demonstrates ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course from several well-developed but mainly independent perspectives.

D (Satisfactory) □

The student demonstrates satisfactory ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course in a way that, albeit in-depth and elaborate, is decidedly one-dimensional.

E (Sufficient) □

The student demonstrates sufficient ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course in a way that is decidedly one-dimensional.

Fx (Fail) □

The student's knowledge, skills and abilities display minor flaws, overall or in significant parts.

F (Fail) □

The student's knowledge, skills and abilities display major flaws, overall or in significant parts.

Interim

If the course is discontinued, or its contents are substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

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Eiteman, D.K., Stonehill, A.I. and Moffett, M.H. (2013), Multinational Business Finance, Global Edition, 13th Edition, Pearson Education, Inc.

A selection of academic articles (updated each semester, see the study guide).