FX MARKET

Faculty: Economics
Year: 2013/14
Course name: Foreign Exchange Market
Level: Bachelor, 4 year
Language of instruction: English
Period: Module 4
Workload: 32 hours
Credits: 3

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Course objectives

This course is devoted to international banking. It deals with the fundamental analyses of the exchange rate, monetary systems, FX operations and derivatives. Topics include: the foreign exchange markets with emphasis on their relationship to bank management and client service; current practices in global finance as utilized by multinational enterprises; and the changing environment for international financial business. It aims to analyze the choices facing international firms with the aid of theoretical concepts, empirical evidence and an understanding of institutional structures.

Course description

This is not a standard course on strategy; instead this practically orientated international business course examines the international business environment within which the top management of international bank needs to take strategic decisions. A limited use will be made of case studies and there will be emphasis on comparative analysis.

Topics covered will include:

- An introduction to international banking business;
- Analysis of international industries, markets and competition;
- Building national competitiveness;
- The themes of globalization and regionalization;
- Financial crises influence on banking regulation;
- The drivers of FX rates;
- The infrastructure of the financial markets, their interrelations;
- The Russian and international banking environment;
- Types of FX operations;
- Hedging, arbitrage and speculative strategies of FX trading using REUTERS
- International settlements and trade financing;

Class’s attendance

Is not mandatory but it is impossible to get a good grade without workgroup participation.
Grade determination

Final exam grade gives 70% of the grade, midterm exam 30%.

Main Reading
