

FACULTY OF **ECONOMICS**

DEGREE COURSE: **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS BA**

**SUBJECT:** INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS

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## **OBJECTIVES**

This course explains the fundamental principles that govern financial markets and institutions with the aim of developing students' analytical and research skills.

The fundamental functions of financial markets include: commercial and investment banking, insurance, mutual funds, money markets, bond markets, stock exchange markets, mortgage markets, foreign exchange markets, derivatives stock exchange, financial institutions, the deposit and payment functions, the European Central Banks System and the regulatory functions.

By the end of this course students will have developed a basic understanding of international financial markets.

## **CONTENTS**

- 1 Financial Market
- 2 The Banking System
- 3 Money and Capital Markets
- 4 Stock Exchanges and tradable financial instruments
- 5 Interest rates and yield curves

## **ASSESSMENT**

Written exam: multiple choice and open questions

## **RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS**

Mishkin F.S. and S.G. Eakins, "Financial Markets and Institutions", Prentice Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2012

