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Waters Auditorium  
MWF 1:00: 1:50 p.m.

Department of Economics  
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Money, Banking, and Financial Markets  
Section 2

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The Textbook for the course is Stephen Cecchetti and Kermit Schoenholtz, *Money, Banking, and Financial Markets 5th* edition (2017), electronic version, together with Connect. This course is part of Mizzou's AutoAccess program, which is designed to reduce the cost of course materials to students. You will be able to automatically access the electronic version of the text, together with Connect, through Canvas, beginning on August 21. Connect offers several benefits to students, including a series of practice questions for each chapter of the text. As you answer these practice questions, you will receive instantaneous feedback, letting you know whether your answer is correct. You will also find it beneficial if you review Cecchetti's powerpoint slides for each assigned book chapter as we cover the material in that chapter.

The cost of \$66.99 will be charged to your student account on August 31, 2017. **No trip to the bookstore is required.** If you have questions, call 573-882-7611 or e-mail [AutoAccess@missouri.edu](mailto:AutoAccess@missouri.edu). For students who strongly prefer to work from a printed copy, a **strictly optional** printed loose-leaf version of the text is available (not required) for sale at The Mizzou Store for an additional fee. Also, The Wall Street Journal is available to students at the low rate of \$15 for a 15 week (six issues per week) subscription (1/4 of the normal price). The WSJ is an excellent source of contemporary financial and macroeconomic news and tables of data that will be useful in this class. You can subscribe at [www.wsj.com/studentoffer](http://www.wsj.com/studentoffer). (**Not required**)

### Nature of the Money, Banking and Financial Markets Class

The class involves a heavy dose of current events related to financial and macroeconomic developments, and begins with an overview of the current state of the U.S. and world economies, including a review of key macroeconomic and financial terms (about 3 class lectures). We will then turn to an in-depth coverage of money and financial markets, including the money market, bond market, stock market, and foreign exchange market. We will spend about 5 weeks examining the instruments traded in these markets and the causes and consequences of changes in prices in these markets--that is, causes and consequences of changes in interest rates and bond yields, stock prices, and foreign exchange rates, respectively. We will overview the various types of financial instruments and institutions (with particular emphasis on commercial banks), analyze the rationale for regulation and supervision of banks and other financial institutions, and examine the extent to which these regulations serve their intended purposes.

We will then devote 3-4 weeks to a comprehensive treatment of our **central bank**---the **Federal Reserve System** (the "Fed"), its makeup and structure, objectives and strategy, and tools of policy. We will study the various forces that influence the level of the nation's interest rates and money supply. We will examine the *transmission mechanism of monetary policy*---that is, the various avenues through which Fed policy actions impact economic activity. You will emerge

from the course with a much more solid understanding of the Federal Reserve and the important role it plays in influencing the level of the nation's interest rates, the availability of credit, the supply of money and, ultimately, the level of the nation's output, employment, and price level.

In the past 20 years, the U.S. has experienced the largest stock market bubble in history (1997-2000) and the largest housing bubble in history (1998-2006). Because a bubble involves an unwarranted and unsustainable increase in asset prices, bubbles inevitably collapse, sometimes with enormously costly consequences. The collapse of the stock market bubble in 2000-2002, which culminated in a 53 percent decline in overall U.S. stock market averages, (and a 78 percent decline in the NASDAQ index of technology stock prices), contributed only to a very mild and brief recession in 2001.

On the other hand, the protracted deflation of the housing bubble in the U.S. and numerous other nations during 2006-2012 ushered in an extremely severe financial crisis that came very close to triggering a catastrophic world-wide economic collapse. Innovative and forceful actions by the Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world prevented a world-wide depression whose magnitude might have matched or exceeded that of the Great Depression of the 1930s. In spite of the Fed's Herculean efforts, however, the U.S. experienced the Great Recession of 2007-2009—the most severe of the dozen U.S. economic contractions since the Great Depression. The numerous forces that produced the housing and credit bubbles and the ensuing Great Financial Crisis will be examined in some detail in the latter portion of this course. Also, the extraordinary actions implemented by the Federal Reserve to prevent a catastrophic outcome like the 1930s will be examined, and contrasted with the inept performance of the Federal Reserve in the economic disaster of the 1930s.

In short, this class should be of significant benefit to you in terms of your understanding of contemporary and future financial and macroeconomic developments, your success in your professional career, and perhaps even your future management of your personal financial affairs. If you work hard to master the material, this course is likely to be the most beneficial and valuable economics course you will have taken in your career.

### Importance of Attending Class

Class lectures will typically not simply regurgitate the material assigned in the text. Instead, in class we will often go beyond the text and explain concepts in a different way than is done in the text. This will facilitate learning. This will be a challenging class and many of the concepts require concentrated effort in order to fully understand. To master the material it is important to read the text and attend class, and it is important to note that you will get more out of lectures if you have first read the assigned materials in the text and other items posted online under “course content.”

The overwhelming majority of exam questions will involve material discussed in class. Lecture notes will be posted in somewhat condensed and abbreviated form. To fill in these notes and to reinforce learning from the text, it is imperative to attend class. Just to make sure you attend class regularly, we will have a 2 point quiz during almost every class period over material

discussed that day in class. In fact, we will have approximately 35 of these brief quizzes during the term, and your best 25 scores will count (a total of 50 points) toward your grade. Since we are only counting your best 25 scores out of at least 35 daily quizzes, there will be no makeup daily quizzes for any reason whatsoever. Especially with the plus-minus grading system at Mizzou, class attendance will definitely impact—via the quizzes and by boosting your exam and homework scores--the course grade for a large number of students. Last term very few of the 45 students who earned an “A” in the course cut class more than 3 times during the term. The majority of those who received a “D” or “F” cut class more than 10 times.

**To take these daily quizzes you will need to either have a clicker, or purchase an app for an i-Phone or Android to be used in place of the i-clicker. For more information, contact the University Bookstore or go online to iclicker.com. This class will meet approximately 41 times (plus two Thursday evening exams in lieu of class on the ensuing Friday).**

### Homework, Quizzes, and Exams

During this term, we will have 6 homework assignments, the daily quizzes, two one-hour exams, three 15-point “mini-exams,” and a final exam, with a total of 500 points being possible. The best 5 of your 6 homework scores will count toward your grade. (You will drop your lowest homework score.) **There will be NO MAKEUP HOMEWORKS FOR ANY REASON. Thus, if you fail to complete a homework assignment before the specified deadline, your score on that assignment will be zero and that will be the homework assignment that you drop.**

You may submit each homework assignment a total of **TWO** times. After the first submission you will find out which questions you missed before making your second (final) submission. The higher score of the two attempts (normally the second try) submitted prior to the deadline will be counted. **It is strongly advised that you submit your first try at least a day before the homework deadline** in case you might encounter a computer glitch, automobile breakdown, or other event that might cause you to miss the deadline for submission of the homework.

### Points Possible in the Class:

5 best homework scores @ 14 points = 70 points

25 best daily quiz scores @ 2 points = 50 points

3 “mini-exams” @ 15 points = 45 points

2 one-hour exams @ 100 points = 200 points

1 final exam @ 135 points

Total points possible = 500 points

**Note: The two one-hour exams are scheduled for Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (September 28 and November 2) in Keller Auditorium. The 15 point “mini exams” will be tune-ups for the ensuing hour exams and will be given in class on Wednesdays, eight days prior to the ensuing Thursday evening hour exam. A third “mini exam” will be given on Wednesday, November 15, before Thanksgiving break.**

### \*\*Grading Scale

86% - 100 % = A  
72% - 85.9 % = B  
60% - 71.9 % = C  
50% - 59.9 % = D  
less than 50 % = F

\*\*Please note that this scale may appear “soft.” However, my exams tend to be more difficult than the norm. Thus, the apparently “generous” grading scale is likely to be misleading.

The University uses plus/minus grading. Accordingly, the top 3 percentage points within each of the above ranges will merit a “plus,” while the bottom three percentage points will warrant a minus. For example, a student with a final course percentage of 83% to 85.9 % will earn a B+, while a student in the range of 72% to 74.9% will earn a B-. You can calculate your own grade at any point in time throughout the term by dividing your total points by the number of points possible at that time, and applying the above scale.

### Review Sessions prior to each exam

I will conduct two review sessions prior to each hour exam. These 60 minute sessions will be held in Ellis Library Auditorium at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 26 and 6:30 p.m. on Wed Sept 27 for Exam 1 and at 5:00 p.m. Tues Oct 31 and 6:30 p.m. Wed. Nov. 1 for Exam 2.

### Emergency Missing of a Quiz or Exam

In the event of an emergency that necessitates missing an exam (sickness, death in the family, military order, etc.) that affects your attendance on the day of an exam, you will be excused from the exam **if and only if you adhere to the following procedure**: you must provide me your justification via e-mail prior to the exam, and follow up with timely documentation (doctor’s note, written notice of military order, obituary notice in event of death in the family, along with your relationship to the deceased, etc.) upon your return to campus. If you have a valid excuse for missing an hour exam, I will either give you a makeup exam or pro-rate your final exam score in lieu of the exam you miss. If you miss an exam and fail to follow the above procedure, a zero will be recorded for the missed exam. If you have an excused absence from a 15 point “mini-exam,” we will use your ensuing hour exam score to arrive at a pro-rata score for your mini-exam.

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\*\* Office hours of Graduate Teaching Assistants will be announced on the course Canvas at <https://courses.missouri.edu/>.

## Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Matt Yount, a top-flight student in the class a couple of semesters ago, has volunteered to serve as an undergraduate teaching assistant during the semester. I believe you will find Matt beneficial in helping you understand the course material. His e-mail address is [mlytzd@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:mlytzd@mail.missouri.edu) Matt's office hour will be on Tuesdays, 10:30 – noon in Room 5, Professional Building.

\*\*Matt has put together vocabulary cards for each chapter of the textbook, available to all students at <https://quizlet.com/join/WxqjASJ3V>.

## Assignment Schedule

Week 1 (August 23-25)	(No class Monday due to solar eclipse) Cecchetti, Preface and Ch. 1 (“An Introduction to Money and the Financial System”), and appendix A and B, and “Overview and Outlook” file posted on Canvas, along with list of <b>key terms</b> .
Week 2 (Aug. 28- Sept 1)	Cecchetti, Ch. 2 (“Money and the Payments System”)
Week 3 (Sep 6-8)	Cecchetti, Ch. 3 “Financial Instruments, Markets, and Institutions” And Ch. 4 (“Future Value, Present Value, and Interest Rates”)
Week 4 (Sept 11-15)	Cecchetti, Ch. 6 (“Bonds, Bond Prices and Determination of Interest Rates”)
Week 5 (Sept 18-22)	Cecchetti, Ch.7 (“The Risk and Term Structure of Interest Rates”)

## **Mini-Exam 1 Wednesday, Sept 20**

Week 6 (Sept 25-28) Catch up and Prepare for Exam 1 on Thursday evening

**Exam 1 Thursday Sept 28 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Keller Auditorium (no class Friday)**

Week 7 (Oct 2-6)	Cecchetti, Ch 8 (“Stocks, the Stock Market, and Market Efficiency”)
Week 8 (Oct 9-13)	Cecchetti, Ch. 10 (“Foreign Exchange” and appendix), and Ch. 19 (“Exchange Rate Policy and the Central Bank”), pp. 536 (mid-page)- page 543 (bottom), and appendix.
Week 9. (Oct 16-20)	Cecchetti, Chapter 12 (“Depository Institutions: Banks and Bank Management”)

Week 10 (Oct 23-27) Cecchetti, Chapter 13 (“Financial Institutions Structure”) and Ch. 14 (“Regulating the Financial System”)

**Mini Exam 2: Wednesday October 25**

Week 11 (Oct 30-Nov 2) Cecchetti, Chapter 15 (“Central Banks in the World Today”)

**Exam 2 Thursday, November 2, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. in Keller Auditorium (No class Friday)**

Week 12 (Nov 6-10) Cecchetti, Ch.16 (“The Structure of Central Banks: the Federal Reserve and European Central Bank”) and Thomas, Chapter 10 (“Federal Reserve Policy in the Great Depression” ) (posted on Canvas).

Week 13 (Nov 13- 17) Cecchetti, Ch. 17 (“Central Bank Balance Sheet and the Money Supply Process”) and Thomas Ch. 2 (“The Nature of Banking Crises”) posted on Canvas

**Mini-Exam 3 Wednesday November 15**

**Thanksgiving Break November 18-26**

Week 14 (Nov 27- Dec 1) Cecchetti, Ch. 18 (“Monetary Policy: Stabilizing the Domestic Economy”)

Week 15 (Dec. 4-7) Cecchetti, Ch. 23, “Modern Monetary Policy and Challenges Facing Monetary Policy,” and Thomas, Chapter 11 (“The Federal Reserve’s Response to the Great Crisis”), posted on Canvas

No class on Friday, Dec. 8 (“Reading Day”)

**\*\*Final Exam Monday Dec. 11, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Place to be determined**

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#### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible. If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the Office of Disability Services (<http://disabilitycenter.missouri.edu>), S5 Memorial Union, 573-882-4696, and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other MU resources for persons with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

#### INTELLECTUAL PLURALISM STATEMENT (FROM OFFICE OF THE PROVOST)

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the Departmental Chair or Divisional Director; the Director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities (<http://osrr.missouri.edu/>); or the MU Equity Office (<http://equity.missouri.edu/>), or by email at [equity@missouri.edu](mailto:equity@missouri.edu). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.