Universidad de Navarra

Money, Banking and Digital Finance A

Guía docente 2026-27

Money, Banking, Digital Finance

PRESENTACIÓN

Course: Money, Banking, and Digital Finance

Academic Year: 2026-2027

Class description:

How do we pay for things? What are the new payment systems? How is this system changing and why? Are crypto-currencies there to stay? Will there be Central Bank Digital Currencies soon? Will banks survive as we know them? Why are there so many M&As in the banking industry?

What is the role of banks in society? How does asymmetric information influence credit policies by banks? How does the transmission mechanism of monetary policy work through the banking system? What is systemic risk and what was its role in the financial crisis? Why can banks collapse and what is the effect in the overall economy? How can Central Banks avoid bank runs and mitigate systemic risk? Is finance changing in a fundamental way through decentralization?

What is the role of Central Banks in the economy? Why do international stock markets react to lower interest rate setting by the Central Banks? What are the differences between the ECB and the Federal Reserve monetary policy? What is the relation between monetary policy and the 2008 financial crisis? What is the relation between interest rates, GDP and inflation? What is the difference between expected and unexpected monetary policy actions? What to do when interest rates are close to zero and the economy needs an expansionary monetary policy? What is quantitative easing?

What is the European Banking Union? How is the new banking regulation affecting credit and economic growth? How is monetary policy and banking related to growth and development in poor nations?

“Money, Banking and Financial markets” deals with all these issues and some more. The class is intended to familiarize the student with the monetary policy strategy, implementation and its effects, as well as the role of banks in our economies as (1) transmission mechanism of monetary policy (2) providers of liquidity to the private sector and engine of growth and (3) providers of financial stability in the aftermath of crises

ECTS: 3

Language: English

Type: Optional (Economics)

Módulo y materia de la asignatura: Economía bilingue: Modulo 7. Optativas / Materia 7.2 Optativas Específicas (7.2.2 International Economics and Finance)

Schedule: Tuesdays 12-14, Room 01 Amigos

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https://www.unav.edu/web/facultad-de-ciencias-economicas-y-empresariales/estudiantes/horarios.

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Office hours: 3 hours per week coinciding with office hours set by the professor: Tuesdays 4-7pm.

IMPORTANT: The use of laptops, mobile phones and similar devices is NOT ALLOWED during classes

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Competencies)

The goal of this class is to provide a clear understanding of the role of money, monetary policy and banking dynamics, within in a Macro-Finance context. Both positive and normative analysis will be laid out. Students will be exposed to the new developments in monetary policy following the Great Recession.

Specific Competencies

CE 3: Understand specialized areas within applied economics, such as Development Economics or Economic Analysis of Industries

SSOP 1: Accessing and managing massive data

SSOP 2: Understanding programming languages potentially used to solve economic and/or business problems

SSOP 3: Working with visual elements that provide insights and an understanding into complex concepts and components of economic and/or business problems

SSOP 4: Identify patterns and trends and gather useful information from massive data in economics and/or business.

SSOP 5: Effective communication of results to a professional audience in economics and/or business

SSOP 6: Learn the mathematical, statistical language and IT tools needed to start research in economics

SSOP 7: Understand microeconomic strategies and their impact on financial management

SSOP8: Identify situations of resource and cost optimization.

SSOP 9: Understand the macroeconomic variables that regulate the economy and how they interact with business management

SSOP 10: Understand the societal role of economics and finance

SSOP 19: Gain an in-depth understanding of the techniques used to draft financial statements and interpret them

SSOP 20: Understand important aspects of the regulation as it applies accounting and finance and understand its implications

SSOP 21: Master advanced concepts in auditing

SSOP 22: Know about and manage advanced tools and techniques to value financial assets

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SSOP 23: Gain an in-depth knowledge of the workings of financial markets

PROGRAM

Section IV will be based on students' presentations.

I. Money

1. Regular Money, Cryptocurrencies and Digital Money
2. Money and the Economy
    1. Money Architecture(s)
    2. Money and Monetary Policy
    3. Money and Financial Stability

II. Banks

1. Banks as Financial Intermediaries The role of Asymmetric Information in Banks' Activities
2. Banking Models
3. Banking Business
4. Financial Risks Management by Banks
5. Banks post-2008 crisis
    1. Summary of the 2008 Crisis
    2. Systemic Risk
    3. Banking Business post-2008
    4. Changes in post 2022 context
6. Fintechs and Big-tech in financial services

III. Monetary Policy

1. The role of the monetary authority and commercial banks in the provision of liquidity to the economy
2. Conventional Monetary Policy
3. Interest Rate Setting and Monetary Transmission Mechanisms
4. Unconventional Monetary Policy: When monetary policy rates are close to zero (yield curve context)
    1. Quantitative Easing
    2. Forward Guidance
    3. Negative Interest Rates

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Class presentations by Professor

Review sessions after discussions after each chapter + Dive into high-level questions using AI

Final exam

GRADING

DECEMBER GRADING

A PASS in this class is obtained if you reach 50% of the total grade (Spanish standards)

Quiz #1 (15% of grade): September 29

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Quiz #2 (15% of grade): October 27

Quiz #3 (10% of grade): November 24

Final exam: 60% of the grade

(IMPORTANT requirement: A grade higher than 40% in the final exam is needed to pass this class)

JUNE GRADING

Final exam 100% of the June grade

OFFICE HOURS

Antonio Moreno Ibáñez: Tuesdays 4-7pm (Dean's office)

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BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- R. GLENN HUBBARD: Money, the Financial System and the Economy. Addison Wesley. Find it in the Library

INTERESTING RELATED BOOKS, ARTICLES

- C. ADOLPH: Bankers, Bureaucrats, and Central Bank Politics. The Myth of Neutrality, Cambridge University Press. Find it in the Library

- ADRIAN, ASHCRAFT: "Shadow Banking: A Review of the Literature", Staff Report, No. 580, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York, NY .

- S. AMMOUS: The Bitcoin Standard. The Decentralized Alternative to Central Banking . Wiley. Find it in the Library (ebook)

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