

**SYLLABUS: Money, Banking and the Financial System**

**Economics 220:301, Section 4**

**Spring 2018**

**Instructor:** Ibraheem Catovic

**Class Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:10 PM to 7:30 PM

**Class Location:** Campbell Hall, Room A4, College Ave Campus

**Final:** Thursday May 3, 8 PM to 11 PM, Campbell Hall, Room A4 (OUR CLASSROOM).

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**Office Hours:** NJ Hall Room 102, College Ave Campus, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, or by appointment.

**Course Website:** <http://www.pearsonmylabs.com/> (Best to use Google Chrome)

**Prerequisites:** A minimum grade of C in both Intro to Micro (220:102) and Intro to Macro (220:103). This course (220:301) is 3 credits and serves as a **lower** level elective in Economics.

**Course Content:** Students who satisfactorily complete Money and Banking will understand the role of money and banks in the broader economy. Specifically, students should garner an understanding of the unique role of banks in the financial system. Students will also learn the relevance of the Federal Reserve and related central banking topics, including the causes, policy responses, and lessons associated with the current financial market crisis.

**Course Textbook:** *The Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets* by Frederic S. Mishkin. ISBN-13: 978-0133836790. ISBN-10: 0133836797.

**MyEconLab:** We will be using the Pearson online platform MyEconLab for homework completion and submission. In order for you to complete homeworks for this course, you will need to purchase access to MyEconLab. You can purchase access directly from Pearson Online, both with or without an e-book. There are also 3 options available at the bookstore:

1. MyEconLab access card with e-book, ISBN-13: 9780133862515
2. Looseleaf + MyEconLab code, ISBN-13: 9780134047393
3. Bound Book + MyEconLab code, ISBN-13: 9780134047348

There is also a 2 week free trial period available, which may be worthwhile getting if you are still unsure about whether or not you are going to take the course. If you end up dropping it, there is no financial opportunity cost to consider. If you continue with the course, you can just upgrade to the standard paid access for the rest of the semester.

I will be using MyEconLab as the platform to make announcements for the course as well; I will not be using Sakai. I encourage you to check the announcements on MyEconLab regularly to keep up with the latest information relating to the course. I will also make the same announcements during class time as well, although it may be a few days after the announcement appears on MyEconLab.

## Student Registration Instructions

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### To register for **Spring 2018 Catovic Econ 301 Money & Banking** :

1. Go to [www.pearson.com/mylab](http://www.pearson.com/mylab) .
2. Under Register, select **Student** .
3. Confirm you have the information needed, then select **OK! Register now** .
4. Enter your instructor's course ID: **catovic71272** , and **Continue** .
5. Enter your existing Pearson account **username** and **password** to **Sign In** .  
You have an account if you have ever used a MyLab or Mastering product.
  - » If you don't have an account, select **Create** and complete the required fields.
6. Select an access option.
  - » Enter the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.
  - » If available for your course,
    - Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.
    - Get temporary access.
7. From the You're Done! page, select **Go To My Courses** .
8. On the My Courses page, select the course name **Spring 2018 Catovic Econ 301 Money & Banking** to start your work.

### To sign in later:

1. Go to [www.pearson.com/mylab](http://www.pearson.com/mylab) .
2. Select **Sign In** .
3. Enter your Pearson account **username** and **password**, and **Sign In** .
4. Select the course name **Spring 2018 Catovic Econ 301 Money & Banking** to start your work.

### To upgrade temporary access to full access:

1. Go to [www.pearson.com/mylab](http://www.pearson.com/mylab) .
2. Select **Sign In** .
3. Enter your Pearson account **username** and **password**, and **Sign In** .
4. Select **Upgrade access** for **Spring 2018 Catovic Econ 301 Money & Banking** .
5. Enter an access code or buy access with a credit card or PayPal.

**Course Structure:** The course consists of lectures during class times for the duration of the semester, where we will be going through most of the content in the course textbook. I will be basing my lectures primarily off of PowerPoint slides that match the content in the course textbook. Students are expected to attend class, there may be certain material covered in class that is not in the textbook or PowerPoint slides. There will be regular homeworks to make sure students are getting the necessary practice to master the course material. There will be a midterm and **non-cumulative** final to test student understanding and to determine student grades.

**Grade Breakdown:**

1. Homework (10%): There will be a homework assigned for each chapter covered in class, there will be about five days given for students to complete the homework for each chapter. Homeworks will be accessed and completed online through MyEconLab. **LATE HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** You may see the tentative schedule to get an idea of when homeworks for each chapter are going to be assigned. However, the schedule is **TENTATIVE**. I reserve the right to modify homework due dates, chapters covered or any other course-related items during the semester as I deem fit.
2. Midterm (40%): There will be an in-class midterm consisting solely of multiple-choice questions. Homework will serve as a great practice for the midterm.
3. Final (50%): There will be an in-class final consisting solely of multiple-choice questions. The final is non-cumulative: it will only cover material addressed after the midterm. Homework will serve as a great practice for the final.

**Grade Brackets:** I will be setting grade brackets. I reserve the right to curve upwards or adjust grades; I do guarantee that if your final grade falls into a certain bracket below, you will do no worse than that letter grade if I curve or adjust grades.

A: 90-100

B+: 85-89.99

B: 80-84.99

C+: 75-79.99

C: 65-74.99

D: 60-64.99

F: 0-59.99

**Tentative Course Schedule:** I would like to highlight that this is purely tentative, I may choose to skip certain chapters, move chapters around, spend more or less time on certain chapters, etc. Once a chapter is finished being covered in class, the homework for that chapter will be made available, and you will have about 5 days to complete the assignment. For example, if homework is assigned on Tuesday, it will be due Sunday 11:59 PM EST. If homework is assigned on Thursday, it will be due Tuesday 11:59 PM EST. However, for the first few weeks of the course, I will give more time for homework because of the add/drop period.

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Tuesday, January 16: Introduction, Syllabus Review and Chapter 1

Thursday, January 18: Chapter 2

Tuesday, January 23: Chapter 3

Thursday, January 25: Chapter 4

Tuesday, January 30: Chapter 5

Thursday, February 1: Chapter 5 and 6

Tuesday, February 6: Chapter 6

Thursday, February 8: Chapter 7

Tuesday, February 13: Chapter 8

Thursday, February 15: Chapter 9

Tuesday, February 20: Chapter 9 and 10

Thursday, February 22: Chapter 10 and 11

Tuesday, February 27: Chapter 11

Thursday, March 1: Chapter 12

Tuesday, March 6: Chapter 12

Thursday, March 8: **MIDTERM**

Tuesday, March 13: **SPRING BREAK**

Thursday, March 15: **SPRING BREAK**

Tuesday, March 20: Chapter 13

Thursday, March 22: Chapter 14

Tuesday, March 27: Chapter 14

Thursday, March 29: Chapter 15

Tuesday, April 3: Chapter 15 and 16

Thursday, April 5: Chapter 16

Tuesday, April 10: Chapter 19

Thursday, April 12: Chapter 20

Tuesday, April 17: Chapter 21 and 22

Thursday, April 19: Chapter 22

Tuesday, April 24: Chapter 23

Thursday, April 26: Chapter 24 and 25

Thursday, May 3: **FINAL, 8 PM TO 11 PM**

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**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes. If you expect to miss more than one or two classes because of illness or a family emergency, please use the University absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me. Do not use this system if you are missing class for a trivial reason, like decided to sleep in or wasn't in the mood to attend class!

**Exam Makeups:** If there is an extenuating circumstance that requires you to take a makeup exam (religious holiday, court date, illness, etc.), I expect as early a notice as possible. The standard economics department makeup exam times are Fridays from noon to 3 pm.

### **Student-Wellness Services:**

**Just In Case Web App:** <http://codu.co/cee05e>

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

**Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS):** [www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/](http://www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/) (848) 932-7884  
17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staffed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students' efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

**Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA):** [www.vpva.rutgers.edu/](http://www.vpva.rutgers.edu/) (848) 932-1181  
3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call 848-932-1181.

**Disability Services:** <https://ods.rutgers.edu/> (848) 445-6800

Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway NJ 08854

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<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at:

<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>.

**Scarlet Listeners:** <http://www.scarletlisteners.com/> (732) 247-5555

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.