

Introduction

KIA Fresh Graduates Program - Economics

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Course Instructor

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- Assistant Professor of Economics at Qatar University, since 2020.
- Postdoctoral Researcher at Washington University in St. Louis, 2019-2020.
- Education:
 - ▶ PhD in Economics, University of Basel, 2019.
 - ▶ MSc in Economics, University of Lausanne, 2014.
 - ▶ CFA Level 1, 2010.
 - ▶ BA in Finance, ISCAE Casablanca, 2009.
- Visiting researcher at various institutions (International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, ...).
- Work experience in the finance industry.

Course Content

- This course is intended to offer an introduction to economics for investment professionals.
- The focus will be on the knowledge and skills expected from practitioners.
- We will start from the basics and cover many topics without going too deeply into the details.
- The content of the course is aligned with the CFA Level 1 Economics curriculum.

Learning Modules

- 1 Topics in Demand and Supply Analysis.
- 2 The Firm and Market Structures.
- 3 Aggregate Output, Prices, and Economic Growth.
- 4 Understanding Business Cycles.
- 5 Monetary and Fiscal Policy.
- 6 International Trade and Capital Flows.
- 7 Currency Exchange Rates.

Course Organization

- 5 days: Sunday 26/05 to Thursday 30/05.
- We meet for 5 hours per day spread over 4 sessions:
 - ▶ Session 1: 08:30-09:45 (1h15).
 - ▶ Session 2: 10:30-11:30 (1h30).
 - ▶ Session 3: 12:15-13:30 (1h15).
 - ▶ Session 4: 13:45-14:45 (1h00).

Course Material

- Lecture slides and other course material are available on the course Github repository:
https://github.com/maitlahcen/kia_economics_training.
- Take-home problem sets, case studies and quizzes will be handed out in hard copy.

Course Assessment

- Practice questions, case studies and take-home problem sets at the end of each learning module.
- Two graded 15-minutes quizzes:
 - ▶ One covering LM1 and LM2.
 - ▶ One covering LM3, LM4 and LM5.
- One graded test covering all content.