Course Description:

“Global Banking” encompasses the integration of investment and wholesale banking services since the repeal in 1999 of the Glass-Steagall Act (that separated commercial and investment banking activities in the US and was passed in 1933). Such banking services have today become global as a result of deregulation, market integration, and dramatic political actions (such as the ending of the Soviet Union and the formation of the European Union). Further, most wholesale financial transactions in the world today are completed in capital markets, and the exceptional growth of these markets over the past twenty years has made many new types of financial transactions possible.

The focus of this course is primarily on determinants of competitive performance in the wholesale financial services industry. The course covers a variety of diverse commercial and investment banking products and activities, and regulatory practices, and addresses the dynamics of competition and success in global banking as it is practiced today.

The discussion of various global banking products and activities is linked to a simultaneous discussion of differences in competitive practices and conditions between the principal markets in the US, Europe, Japan, and emerging markets.

Throughout the course, relevant current events are examined and used to illustrate teaching points.

The course is highly case oriented and involves extensive discussion of twelve cases that have been specially prepared for this course only.

Concluding the course is an exploration of the determinants of competitive success in global banking. We examine what market share, profitability, growth and similar dimensions of performance by individual financial institutions mean in the global marketplace.
There are other courses at Stern that cover similar ground: Indeed, another course of the same name is offered by Adjunct Professor Frank Militello in the Summer and Fall (Saturdays) terms, and there is a general course in (American) Investment Banking taught by Professor Kenneth Froewiss in the Fall (T/Th 3pm) and Spring(Th 6pm) terms. There is some overlap between this course and Investment Banking -- students considering this course should study the outline below and compare it to the outlines for these other courses.

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Prerequisites:

Students registering for this course should have had previous courses in basic economics, accounting and financial analysis at the undergraduate or graduate level. Prerequisites can be waived by consent of the instructors.

Pedagogy:

The case discussions are interspersed with lectures to explain the technical aspects of the activities covered by the cases. The course does not involve routine lectures on material presented in the readings, and therefore the class sessions and the readings complement each other. All readings and case preparation should have been completed prior to the class for which they are assigned.

Text and cases:

The text for the course covers both international commercial and investment banking:


All assigned cases are posted on the course Web page or are available in the supplementary course reading packet.

Case Write Ups:

Students may prepare a one or two page write up for each case, addressing the questions raised about the case, and turn it in for extra credit. The writes ups will not be
graded and returned, but a write up prepared by the instructor will be posted on the class website for students to compare their own work to.

**Examinations:**

There will be a mid-term examination which will cover the first half of the course and a final examination which will cover the second half of the course. The dates of the exams are as follows:

- **Mid-term:** Wed. Oct. 22
- **Final:** to be announced

The final exam covers *only* the material after the mid-term exam. Both exams will deal with all of the assigned readings, cases, and classroom discussions. Students who have not read the cases or have not been present for the class discussions will find it difficult to pass the course.

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ASSIGNMENT:  GB, Chapter 8

13 Wed 10/15- CASE: The Acquisition of Martell*

14 Mon 10/20  CASE: Olivetti - Telecom Italia*

15 Wed 10/22  Mid-Term Examination

16 Mon 10/27  Institutional Asset Management

ASSIGNMENT: GB, Chapter 10

17 Wed 10/29  CASE: Alliance Capital Management*

18. Mon 11/3  Private Banking

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19. Wed 11/5  CASE: UBS Private Banking*

20. Mon 11/10  The United States Competitive Environment

ASSIGNMENT: Roy C. Smith, *Comeback*, Chapter 2, Banking at the Brink and Chapter 3, The New Wholesalers*

21. Wed 11/12  CASE: Continental Illinois

22 Mon 11/17  Europe’s New Capital Market

ASSIGNMENT: *Eurozone*, Preface and Chapters 1 and 2*

23 Wed 11/19  CASE: Allianz AG*

24 Mon 11/24  Evolution in Japan’s Financial Markets

ASSIGNMENT: RC Smith, *Comeback*, Chapter 7, The Rising of the Sun & Chapter 8, The Supernova Fades*

25 Wed 11/29  CASE: Shinsei Bank Ltd.  (will be handed out in class)

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26 Mon 12/1  Global Banking in Emerging Markets

ASSIGNMENT: GB, Chapter 12

27 Wed 12/3  CASE: ICICI*

28 Mon 12/8  Strategic Challenges and Performance

ASSIGNMENT: GB, Chapter 14 and *Eurozone, Chapters 9 and 10

29 Wed 12/10  CASE: JP Morgan Chase & Co*

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