

International Financial Relations SIS 666

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Class time: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Course Description and Prerequisites

Globalization, which is particularly pronounced in money and financial markets, accentuates the impact of international financial disturbances on national economies and vice versa. This course addresses the key problems that confront national governments and international organizations in international monetary and financial policy. It reviews the theoretical and conceptual foundations for analyzing policies with respect to currencies and exchange rates, balance-of-payments lending, crisis finance, debt sustainability and restructuring, and international cooperation in these areas. The course devotes particular attention to cooperation during the recovery from the global covid-19 recession and its financial aftermath.

Governments have created international institutions with global reach to manage crises and their spillover effects across the world economy, and they have reformed them after each financial crisis. But rising nationalism among countries that have historically been at the heart of multilateral cooperation threatens to undermine global financial governance. In addition to addressing contemporary issues in their historical context, the course examines the design and evolution of the institutional arrangements that govern global financial cooperation.

The course equips students to engage professionally in these policy areas by assessing the merits and tradeoffs of alternative policy choices, critically evaluating policy statements and officials reports, preparing analytical papers, advising policymakers and supporting private firms and nongovernmental organizations in these areas. Graduates from this course will also be able to meaningfully advise their work teams and superiors on the operations of international financial institutions and multilateral cooperative arrangements.

The course's overall learning outcomes for students are thus to:

- (1) understand the major issues concerning international monetary and financial relations;
- (2) know the basic concepts and principles of the field;
- (3) develop proficiency in using analytical tools to assess policy and alternative reforms of international monetary and financial arrangements;
- (4) and hone skills in articulating this analysis orally and in writing and otherwise engaging professionally.

SIS 616 *International Economics* or its equivalent is a prerequisite; this course is the sequel to it for students in the International Economic Relations (IER) program and a core course for that field. The course thus complements SIS 665 *International Trade Relations* and SIS 751 *International Political Economy* within the IER program. The instructor welcomes students from other programs as well, including but not limited to GGPS, CRS, ID and USFP.

Instructor's office hours will be immediately after each weekly class meeting.

Grading and Requirements

Students are expected to attend each class, read and discuss the assigned materials, follow and discuss current events as they relate to the course, prepare and submit a research paper, present it to the class, provide feedback on the presentations of others, and take the quizzes and final exam. The weights attached to these requirements are:

Participation	15%
Quizzes (10% each)	20%
Presentation of draft paper	5%
Final research Paper	25%
Examination	35%

Students will research and write a substantial paper on a topic related to the course and approved by the instructor. Research papers are limited to 3300 words and are expected to use most of the space available. They should adhere to the *Chicago Manual of Style*, with footnotes at the bottom of the page and a list of references at the end of the paper. Students should submit a prospectus in the fourth class meeting and their final papers no later than the beginning of the twelfth class meeting. The professor will schedule students' presentations of their draft papers during the ninth, tenth and eleventh class meetings.

Each student will also be assigned to lead off the discussion of readings, podcasts and videos at various points throughout the semester.

The examination at the end of the course will be comprehensive.

To prepare for discussion of current international financial policy, students should follow the financial media on a regular basis. This includes, but is by no means limited to, following the instructor on Twitter, @henning_randall, where links to relevant media reports will occasionally be posted.

Students are encouraged to consult the instructor's website for syllabi, weblinks and other resources: www.randallhenning.com.

By enrolling in this course, students agree to adhere to American University's Academic Integrity Code (AIC) in its entirety. The AIC, whose provisions are taken seriously in this course, can be found at:

<http://www.american.edu/american/registrar/AcademicReg/New/reg80.html>

Although there may be exceptions to accommodate special circumstances, students should plan to participate in online class meetings with their cameras on. In exceptional cases where cameras cannot be used, students should participate actively in class discussion.

An understanding of the foundations of open economy macroeconomics is important. All students will need to review and enhance their understanding of these concepts and theories over the course of the semester by reviewing their international economics textbook. The textbook from which we draw graphs and examples is listed as a required purchase below. We will not read all or even most of this book, but four chapters are absolutely *essential*. Students have the option of buying one of the cheaper, previous editions rather than the current edition.

Required Texts

Barry Eichengreen, *Globalizing Capital: A History of the International Monetary System*, third edition (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019).

C. Randall Henning, *Tangled Governance: International Regime Complexity, the Troika, and the Euro Crisis* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

Onno Wijnholds, *Fighting Financial Fires: An IMF Insider Account* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

Dennis R. Appleyard, Alfred J. Field, and Steven L. Cobb, *International Economics*, latest edition (New York: McGraw-Hill/Irwin). (See note above.)

Course Outline and Readings

ER = Material posted on electronic reserve on Canvas

Note that some readings will be added and deleted over the course of the semester.

Section I: Policy Choice in the International Monetary System

Week 1: International Monetary History -- Gold Standard and Interwar Conflict

1. Introduction and course administration.
2. Key concepts and issues in the international monetary and financial system.
3. Gold standard and domestic politics of money in the 19th century

Eichengreen, *Globalizing Capital*, chapters 1 and 2.

Hugh Rockoff, "The 'Wizard of Oz' as a Monetary Allegory," *Journal of Political Economy* 98 (1990): 739-60. (ER)

Week 2: Principles of Organization of the Monetary System

Tamar Gutner, “The International Monetary Fund,” in *International Organization in World Politics* (Sage and CQ Press, 2017), Chapter 7. (ER)

Eichengreen, *Globalizing Capital*, chapters 3, 4 and 5 (esp. pp. 135-149 on floating), pp. 178-184 (developing countries/conclusion), and chapter 7.

Appleyard, Field and Cobb, *International Economics*, Chapter 25 (“Economic Policy in the Open Economy under Fixed Exchange Rates”) and first half of Chapter 29 (“International Monetary System”). (Confirm the alignment of chapter numbers and titles in your edition. These chapter numbers are from the 6th edition. Read this week but discuss in Week 3.)

Recommended:

IMF Articles of Agreement, Article IV, and Guidelines for Exchange Rate Policy, as revised in June 2007, available at: www.imf.org.

C. Fred Bergsten and Joseph E. Gagnon, *Currency Conflict and Trade Policy: A New Strategy for the United States* (Washington, D.C.: Peterson Institute 2017), chapters 1 and 6.

Mark Sobel, “[U.S. Foreign Exchange Policy: Currency Provisions and Trade Deals](#),” CSIS, April 2019.

U.S. Public Law 114-125, Title VII – Engagement on Currency Exchange Rate and Economic Policies (February 24, 2016) 130 Stat. 195-200.

Week 3: Navigating Policy in Open Economy Macroeconomics

Appleyard, Field and Cobb, *International Economics*, Chapters 26 (“Economic Policy in the Open Economy under Flexible Exchange Rates”) and the second half of 29 (“International Monetary System”).

Ben S. Bernanke, [Mundell-Fleming Lecture to the Annual Research Conference of the International Monetary Fund](#), Washington, D.C., November 2015.

Caroline Atkinson, Lawrence H. Summers and Laurence Boone, “[The Next Macroeconomic Policy Revolution](#),” Peterson Institute, December 8, 2020.

Lukasz Rachel and Lawrence H. Summers, “[On Secular Stagnation in the Industrialized World](#),” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2019.

Olivier Blanchard, “[Public Debt and Low Interest Rates](#),” Peterson Institute Working Paper 19-4 (February 2019).

Recommended:

Dylan Matthews, “[Modern Monetary Theory, Explained](#),” *Vox*, April 16, 2019.

Catherine Mann and Willem Buiter, “[Modern Monetary Theory \(MMT\)](#),” CITI Global

Perspectives & Solutions, April 2019.

Raghuram Rajan, "[Competitive Monetary Easing: Is It Yesterday Once More](#)," Remarks to Brookings Institution, April 10, 2014.

C. Randall Henning, "The Exchange Rate Weapon and Macroeconomic Conflict," in *International Monetary Power*, edited by David M. Andrews (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006). (ER)

Week 4: Dollar Dominance and the Global Financial Cycle (first concept quiz)

Hélène Rey, "[The Global Financial Cycle](#)," *VoxEU* (2018/2016).

Maurizio M. Habib and Bafrizio Venditti, "[The Global Financial Cycle: Implications for the Global Economy and the Euro Area](#)," *ECB Economic Bulletin*, Issue 6/2018.

Andrew Rose, "[The Global Financial Cycle: Closer to an Anticlimax than a Juggernaut](#)," *VoxEU*, August 14, 2017.

Markus K. Brunnermeier, Harold James and Jean-Pierre Landau, "[The Digitalization of Money](#)," NBER Working Paper No. 263000 (September 2019).

Recommended:

U.S. Treasury Department, [Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States](#), Washington, D.C., December 2020.

Hélène Rey, "[Dilemma Not Trilemma: The Global Financial Cycle and Monetary Policy Independence](#)," NBER Working Paper 21162.

Tobias Adrian, "[Challenges for Monetary Policy from Global Financial Cycles](#)," presentation to the IMF-Swiss National Bank Seminar, May 8, 2018.

Joseph Gagnon with Marc Hinterschweiger, *Flexible Exchange Rates for a Stable World Economy* (Washington, D.C.: Peterson Institute, 2011), chapters 1, 2, 3, and 9 (available as e-book at the AU Library).

Section II: Crisis Finance and Financial Governance

Week 5: Crisis Lending and the IMF Financial Strategy

IMF, "[IMF Lending](#)."

IMF, "[IMF Conditionality](#)."

Onno Wijnholds, *Fighting Financial Fires: An IMF Insider Account* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). Read the first half of the book; save the second half for week 6.

Takatoshi Ito. 2007. "Asian Currency Crisis and the International Monetary Fund, 10 Years Later: Overview." *Asian Economic Policy Review* 2 (1): 16–49. (ER)

Takatoshi Ito. 2012. "Can Asia Overcome the IMF Stigma?" *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 102 (3): 198–202. (ER)

Study questions: What is a "lender of last resort"? What is the origin of the concept? What are Walter Bagehot's rules for a lender of last resort? How does the IMF compare to an international LLR? What is the difference between illiquidity and insolvency?

Recommended:

Charles P. Kindleberger, *Manias, Panics, and Crashes: A History of Financial Crises*, 3rd edition, (New York: Wiley, 1996), chapters 10 and 11, pp. 146-189. (ER)
Read for the concept of the lender of last resort and Bagehot's rules.

C. Randall Henning, "[US Interests and the International Monetary Fund](#)," Peterson Institute Policy Brief, June 2009.

IMF, "[Special Drawing Rights](#)," Washington, D.C., November 30, 2015..

Week 6: Completing the Global Financial Safety Net

Geneva report (de Gregorio, José, Barry Eichengreen, Takatoshi Ito and Charles Wyplosz). 2018. [IMF Reform: The Unfinished Agenda](#). Geneva Reports on the World Economy. Geneva, Switzerland: International Center for Monetary and Banking Studies and the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

C. Randall Henning, [Regional Financial Arrangements and the International Monetary Fund: Sustaining Coherence in Global Governance](#), Centre for International Governance Innovation, Special Report, January 2020.

Takatoshi Ito, "Changing International Financial Architecture: Growing Chinese Influence?" *Asian Economic Policy Review*, (2018) 13: 192-214.

Hongying Wang, "The New Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: China's Ambiguous Approach to Global Financial Governance," *Development and Change* 50 (1) (2019): 221-244. (ER)

Study questions: How does the IMF relate to other international financial institutions and regional financial facilities? Will Asia create an Asian Monetary Fund and Europe a European Monetary Fund? What problems and opportunities would that pose for the IMF?

Recommended:

Weder di Mauro, Beatrice, and Jeromin Zettelmeyer, '[The New Global Financial Safety Net: Struggling for Coherent Governance in a Multipolar System](#)' *CIGI Essays on International Finance*, No.4. (Waterloo, Ontario: Centre for International Governance Innovation, 2017).

G20 Eminent Persons Group, "Global Financial Governance," report October 2018.

IMF, [Collaboration between Regional Financial Arrangements and the IMF](#), staff paper for the Executive Board, July 31, 2017.

William Kring and William Grimes, "Leaving the Next: The Rise of Regional Financial

Arrangements and the Future of Global Governance,” *Development and Change* 50 (1): 72-95. (ER)

C. Randall Henning, “Regional Arrangements and the International Monetary Fund,” in Edwin M. Truman, ed., *Reform the IMF for the 21st Century* (Washington, D.C.: Peterson Institute, 2006), chapter 7.

Section III: European Monetary (Dis)Integration

Week 7: Economic and Monetary Union: Principles and Crisis (second concept quiz)

Paul de Grauwe, *The Economics of Monetary Union*, 12th edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), Chapters 1 and 2. (ER)

C. Randall Henning, *Tangled Governance: International Regime Complexity, the Troika, and the Euro Crisis* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), chapters 1 (Introduction), 3 (Dramatis Institutiones), and 5 (Greece 2010).

Maurice Obstfeld and Poul M. Thomsen, “[The IMF is Not Asking Greece for More Austerity](#),” iMFdirect, December 12, 2016.

Yanis Varoufakis, *Adults in the Room: My Battle with Europe’s Deep Establishment* (London: The Bodley Head, 2017), Chapters 16 and 17 and Epilogue (pp. 428-485). (ER)

Recommended:

Visit the site of the European Stability Mechanism, <http://www.esm.europa.eu/>. Read the ESM treaty and *Safeguarding the Euro in Times of Crisis: The Inside Story of the ESM* (2019), at <https://www.esm.europa.eu/publications/safeguarding-euro>.

Ashoka Mody, *Euro Tragedy: A Drama in Nine Acts* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), Chapters 6 (Greece and Ireland 2010) and 7 (2011-2013), pp. 232-337. (ER)

Eichengreen, *Globalizing Capital*, chapter 5, pp. 152-187.

Philip R. Lane, The European Sovereign Debt Crisis, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol. 46, no. 3 (Summer 2012), pp. 49-68. (ER)

C. Randall Henning, “Systemic Conflict and Regional Monetary Integration: The Case of Europe,” *International Organization* 52 (Summer 1998): 537-73. (ER)

Martin Feldstein, “The Political Economy of the European Economic and Monetary Union: Political Sources of an Economic Liability,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 11 (Fall 1997): 23-42. (ER)

Week 8: Completing the Monetary Union (Wellness Week)

C. Randall Henning and Martin Kessler, [Fiscal Federalism: US History for Architects of Europe’s Fiscal Union](#), Bruegel Essay and Lecture Series 2012.

Jean Pisani-Ferry and Jeromin Zettelmeyer, eds., [Risk Sharing Plus Market Discipline: A New Paradigm for Euro Area Reform? A Debate](#) (CEPR Press, June 2019), selected chapters.

Erik Jones, [The European Commission's Next Generation EU Package](#)," May 31, 2020.

[Document on the package finalized in December 2020.]

Recommended:

Nicolas Véron, *Europe's Radical Banking Union*, Bruegel Essay and Lecture Series, Brussels, 2015. (ER)

C. Randall Henning, "[The ECB as a Strategic Actor: Central Banking in a Politically Fragmented Monetary Union](#)."

Desmond Lachman and Ryan Nabil, "[Does Italy Pose a Threat to the Global Economy?](#)," AEI Policy Brief, September 2016.

Waltraud Schelkle, *The Political Economy of Monetary Solidarity: Understanding the Euro Experiment* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). (CR)

Section IV: Debt Restructuring and China as a Creditor

Week 9: Debt Restructuring and "Bailing in" the Private Sector (**presentations**)

Lee Buchheit, Guillaume Chabert, Chanda DeLong, and Jeromin Zettelmeyer, "[How to Restructure Sovereign Debt: Lessons from Four Decades](#)," Peterson Institute Working Paper 19-8 (May 2019).

Steven L. Schwarcz, "[Sovereign Debt Restructuring: A Bankruptcy Reorganization Approach](#)," *Cornell Law Review*, vol. 85 (2000): 956-1034. This is challenging, but read pp. 956-980 for the main concepts – from a legal perspective.

IMF, "[The Fund's Lending Framework and Sovereign Debt – Further Considerations](#)," April 9, 2015.

James M. Boughton, The IMF as Just One Creditor: Who's in Charge When a Country Can't Pay?," *International Economic Journal* 30:3, 392-408.
DOI:10.1080/10168737.2016.1211840.

Study questions:

1. What is the rationale for bankruptcy arrangements in the domestic context?
2. How have scholars applied them to the international context?
3. What interests oppose creating an SDRM?
4. What is the relationship between debt restructuring and crisis finance from the IMF?

Recommended:

Committee on International Economic Policy and Reform, [Revisiting Sovereign Bankruptcy](#) (Washington, D.C.: Brookings, October 2013).

Anne Krueger, "[New Approaches to Sovereign Debt Restructuring: An Update on Our Thinking](#)," speech to the conference, "Sovereign Debt Workouts," at the Institute for International Economics, April 2, 2002.

Susan Schadler, "[Unsustainable Debt and the Political Economy of Lending: Constraining the IMF's Role in Sovereign Debt Crises](#)," *CIGI Papers* No 19 (October 2013).

Week 10: Belt and Road Initiative (presentations)

Center for Global Development Seminar Panel, "[View of the Debt Landscape for Developing Countries](#)," October 17, 2019.

Deborah Brautigam, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), selected chapters. (ER)

John Hurley, Scott Morris, and Gailyn Portelance, "[Examining the Debt Implications of the Belt and Road Initiative from a Policy Perspective](#)," *CGD Policy Paper* 121 (March 2018).

Michael Baltensperger and Uri Dadush, "[The Belt and Road Turns Five](#)," *Bruegel Policy Contribution* No. 1 January 2019 (Brussels: Bruegel).

Week 11: Challenges to Debt Sustainability (presentations)

Seminar Panel, "[Decoding Debt: Getting Transparency Right](#)," October 19, 2019 (Washington, D.C.: World Bank), video.

Olivier Blanchard and Kenneth Rogoff, "[Public Debt and Fiscal Policy](#)," IMF Research Conference on "Debt: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," November 2019, video.

Xavier Debrun, Jonathan Ostry, Tim Willems, and Charles Wyplosz, "Debt Sustainability," in *Sovereign Debt: A Guide for Economists and Practitioners*, edited by S. Ali Abbas, Alex Pienkowski, and Kenneth Rogoff (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), ch. 4. (ER).

Kevin Acker, Deborah Brautigam, and Yufan Huang, "[Debt Relief with Chinese Characteristics](#)," China Africa Research Initiative, Working Paper No. 39 (Washington, D.C., Johns Hopkins University, June 2020).

Alysha Gardner, Joyce Lin, Scott Morris, and Brad Parks, "[Bargaining with Beijing: A Tale of Two Borrowers](#)," Center for Global Development Note (November 2020). [provide link]

Recommended:

Congressional Research Service, "The Paris Club and International Debt Relief," July 18, 2017.

Sebastian Horn, Carmen Reinhart and Christoph Trebesch, "[China's Overseas Lending](#)," Kiel Working Paper No. 2132, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (June 2019).

C. Randall Henning, "Regime Complexity and the Institutions of Crisis and Development Finance," *Development and Change* 50 (1) (2019): 24-45 DOI: 10.1111/dech.12472.

Week 12: Debt Restructuring in the Covid Crisis (papers due)

IMF, “[The International Architecture for Resolving Sovereign Debt Involving Private-Sector Creditors](#),” September 23, 2020.

Carmen Reinhart, “[Debt and Financial Crises: Implications for the Post-COVID Landscape](#),” 21st Polak Annual Research Conference, IMF, November 5, 2020.

David Malpass, “[Debt and Development](#),” Bretton Woods Committee video seminar, Washington, D.C., October 14, 2020.

Group of Thirty, “[Sovereign Debt and Financing for Recovery after the Covid-19 Shock: Preliminary Report](#),” Washington, D.C., October 2020.

Lee C. Buchheit and Mitu Gulati, “The Argentine Collective Action Clause Controversy,” *Capital Markets Law Journal*, 15, no. 4 (October 2020), pp. 464-73.

Recommended:

IMF, “[Angola: Third Review under the Extended Fund Facility](#),” IMF Country Report No. 20/281, Washington, D.C., September 2020. [provide link]

IMF, Argentina program document, to be provided.

Section V: Climate Change and Global Finance

Week 13: Central Banks and Climate Change

“[Can Central Banks Fight Climate Change?](#),” IMF Seminar October 16, 2019. View the video at this link.

Lael Brainard, “[Why Climate Change Matters for Monetary Policy and Financial Stability](#),” speech to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, November 8, 2019.

Mark Carney, Caroline Atkinson, Patrick Honohan and Olivier Jeanne, “[Rebuilding the Global Economy: Role of International Finance and Central Banks](#),” December 16, 2020.

Mark Carney and William Nordhaus, “[Policy Responses to Climate-Related Disasters](#),” 21st Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference, IMF, November 5, 2020.

Week 14: Climate Risk and Financial Regulation

Bank of England, Climate Change: “[What Are the Risks to Financial Stability?](#)”

Petra van Meel and Sjoerd Blijlevens, “[Impact of Climate Change on Financial Institutions](#),” July 1, 2019.

Jeff Colgan, Jessica F. Green and Thomas Hale, “[Asset Revaluation and the Existential Politics](#)

[of Climate Change](#),” *International Organization* (2020).
doi:10.1017/S0020818320000296

Stephen J. Dubner, “[A Sneak Peak at Biden’s Top Economist](#),” *Freakonomics Podcast*, Episode 443, December 2020.

Recommended:

Adair Turner, “The Case for Carbon Tariffs,” *Project Syndicate*, May 30, 2019. (ER)

Nives Dulsak and Aseem Prakash, “[U.S. Coal Bankruptcies Reveal the Future of Alberta Tar Sands](#),” *Forbes*, October 30, 2019,.

Network for Greening the Financial System, [A Call For Action: Climate Change as a Source of Financial Risk](#) (April 2019).

Sarah Breeden, “[Avoiding the Storm: Climate Change and the Financial System](#),” April 15, 2019.

Final Examination: time and dates as scheduled by the University

Important Information for All Students

Standards of Academic Conduct: They are set forth in American University’s Academic Integrity Code (AIC). By registering for this course, you acknowledge your awareness of the AIC, and you are obliged to become familiar with your rights and responsibilities as defined by the Code. Violations of the AIC will not be treated lightly, and disciplinary actions will be taken should violations occur. Please contact me if you have any questions about the academic violations described in the Code in general or as they relate to particular requirements for this course, and I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the AIC at <http://www.american.edu/academics/integrity/code.cfm>. Finally, please let me know if you become aware of any violations of the AIC by other students.

In the Event of an Emergency: AU will implement a plan for meeting the needs of all members of the university community. Should the university be required to close for a period of time, we are committed to ensuring that all aspects of our educational programs will be delivered to you. These may include altering and extending the duration of the traditional term schedule to complete essential instruction in the traditional format and/or use of distance instructional methods. Specific strategies will vary from class to class, depending on the format of the course and the timing of the emergency. I will communicate class-specific information to you via AU e-mail and/or Blackboard, and you are responsible for checking your AU email on a daily basis and for keeping yourself informed of any declared emergencies. Please refer to the AU Student Portal, the AU Web site <http://www.american.edu/emergency/> and the AU information line at (202) 885-1100 for university-wide information.

AU provides numerous services to help students to be successful in their coursework: the Academic Support Center, the Counseling Center, Disability Support Services, the Writing Center and Writing Lab, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, most of which are located in

the Mary Graydon Center (MGC).

Academic Support Center (x3360, MGC 243) offers study skills workshops, individual instruction, tutor referrals, Supplemental Instruction, and services for students with learning disabilities and ADHD. Writing support is available in the ASC Writing Lab or in the Writing Center. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please notify me in a timely manner with a letter from the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services so that we can make arrangements to address your needs.

Counseling Center (x3500, MGC 214) offers counseling and consultations regarding personal concerns, self-help information, and connections to off-campus mental health resources.

Disability Support Services (x3315, MGC 206) offers technical and practical support and assistance with accommodations for students with physical, medical, or psychological disabilities. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please notify me in a timely manner with a letter from the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services so that we can make arrangements to address your needs.

Writing Center (x2991, Battelle-Tompkins 228) offers free, individual coaching sessions to all AU students. In your 45-minute session, a student writing consultant can help you address assignments, understand the conventions of academic writing, and learn how to revise and edit your own work. The Center offers appointments on the hour from 11 AM to 9 PM Monday through Thursday; 11 AM to 4 PM Friday, and 3 to 6 PM on Sundays.

Center for Diversity and Inclusion (x3651, MGC 2nd fl.) is dedicated to enhancing LGBTQ, Multicultural, First Generation, and Women's experiences on campus and to advance AU's commitment to respecting and valuing diversity by serving as a resource and liaison to students, staff, and faculty on issues of equity through education, outreach, and advocacy.