



Course objectives

- Clarify the nature of sovereign debt (*conceptual framework*).
- Familiarize students with sovereign risk assessment on the basis of selected cases (*lessons from history*).
- Discuss and consider how government liabilities should be managed and sovereign debt crises should be avoided or dealt with (*policy implications*).



Course objectives (continued)

- As a practical training course, debate, work in a team, make oral presentation and produce memos and reports.

be solution-oriented

be convincing

be professional



Proposed course outline

- Day 2 The nature of sovereign debt
- Day 3 Creditor-debtor settlement
- Day 4 Lessons from the past default and debt restructuring episodes
- Day 5 Selected cases of low income countries' debt management
- Day 6 Student mid-term presentation on term paper proposal
- Day 7 Debt sustainability analysis and implications for debt management
- Day 8 Inter-creditor equity issues

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Teaching methods

- Introductory lecture followed by class discussion
- Encourage active participation in discussion.
- Facilitate successful student output to help nurture a solution-oriented mindset.
- Help students, if so wished, prepare for a topic for a research paper or thesis at the subsequent stage.



Course requirements

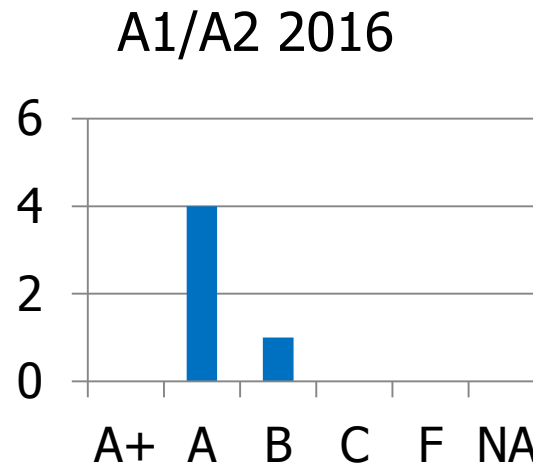
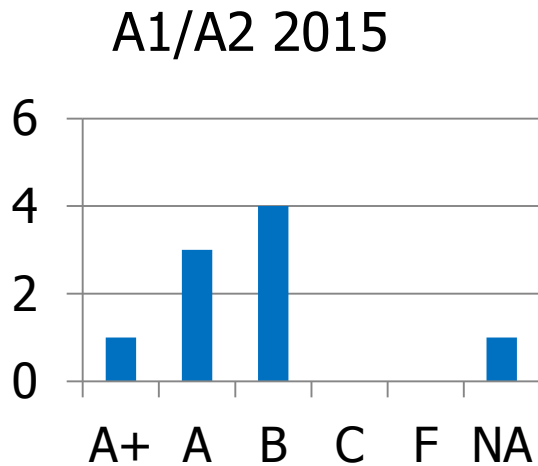
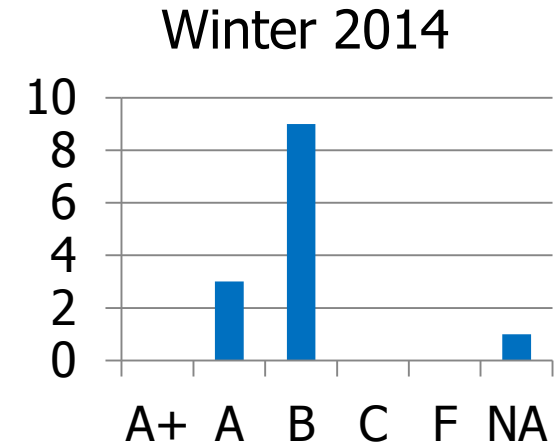
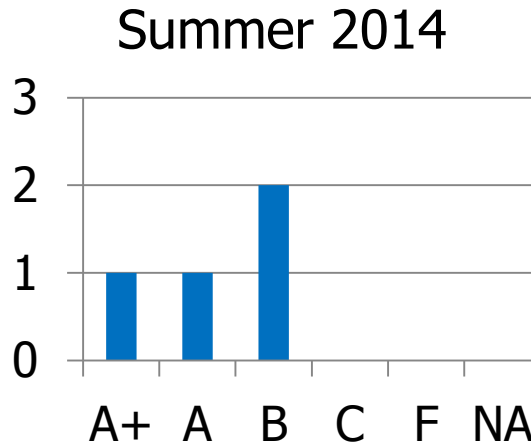
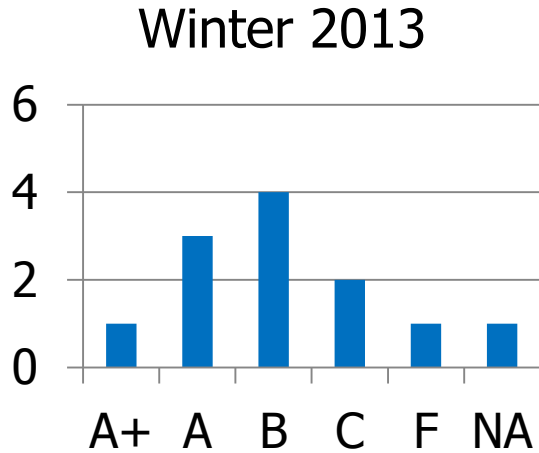
- Make brief oral presentations occasionally on a given topic or one of his/her choice either individually or as a team.
- Submit a proposal and term paper based on his/her presentations in the middle and at the end of the course.



Grading

- Oral presentations 35% (10% for mid-term and 25% for final)
- Term paper 35% (10% for proposal and 25% for term paper)
- Participation in discussion 20%
- Class attendance 10%

Grading (continued)





Questions

- Q1. How could sovereign debt affect your life?
- Q2. How could the management of sovereign debt have "an impact on the type and amount of food that people consume," for example?
- Q3. Whose liability is borrowing by the government?
- Q4. Are you immune from the consequences of sovereign default (non-payment of sovereign debt) by a government in the far away country?