

ECO 411/501 - Winter 2013

Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis

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Description

This course is intended to provide economics majors and other interested students with rigorous analysis of macroeconomic theory. We will begin by studying the long-run model and then move to models of the short run, while focusing on the relevant differences. Using these models we will be able to make policy prescriptions and analyze the different implications of these in cases like a recession. Finally, I intend to bring in some relevant current event topics that have been popular in the news lately.

Prerequisites: ECON 201, ECON 202, and either MATH 105, MATH 118, MATH 119, or MATH 120 (or equivalent)

Required Textbook

Mankiw, Gregory N., *Macroeconomics*, 7th or 8th Edition. Worth Publishing

There are also many other intermediate textbooks that you may find helpful (see, e.g., Abel and Bernanke, Barro, Blanchard, Froyen).

Supplemental Materials

Occasionally I will be discussing topics either not included in the book or are not in sufficient details. For these I will provide the necessary reading material. I will also post class material online for your use (www.emuonline.edu). Students tend to find these very helpful. Students are also responsible for keeping up-to date on current event issues as they will be discussed in class. Good sources for current event topics include *The Economist* and *The Wall Street Journal*. I also enjoy viewing Professor Greg Mankiw's blog located at <http://gregmankiw.blogspot.com/>.

Grading

Your grade will be determined by the total number of points you earn on the two **Midterm Exams (100 points each)**, **Final Exam (100 points)**, **Project (50 points)** and **Problem Sets (50 points)**. The total amount of points for this class are 400. The grading scale used for this course is detailed below. Any student falling within the border of two letter grades will be assigned respective letter grades based on their participation, attendance and contribution towards the course. There is no curve for any of the assignments or exams unless I state otherwise.

A.....93.4-100%	C+.....76.7-79.9%
A-.....90.0-93.3%	C.....73.3-76.6%
B+.....86.7-89.9%	C-.....70.0-73.2%
B.....83.3-86.6%	D+.....66.7-69.9%
B-.....80.0-83.2%	D.....63.3-66.6%
	D-.....60.0-63.2%
	F.....≤ 60%

Exams

There will be two midterm exams and one final exam, each worth 100 points. The final exam is not comprehensive and will cover the material succeeding the second midterm. The exams will cover material from class, textbook, and any additional assigned readings, including current event discussions. Each exam will consist of short and long answer questions and problems. Tentative dates for the exams will be given in class.

You must have a VERY good excuse to make-up an exam. Your professor reserves the right to judge what types of excuses are legitimate. Permission to miss an exam must be secured before the scheduled exam time unless the cause of the absence is unanticipated. If you miss an exam for an unforeseen reason you should contact me as soon as you are physically able to pick up the phone and call me. If you miss an exam and do not receive an excused absence, you receive a zero for that exam. Make-up exams will be given before or after the missed exam at a time/place convenient for both parties.

Project

There will be a project assigned toward the end of the semester. Details of the project will be given in class. For people needing extra help with writing consult the University Writing Center (<http://www.emich.edu/english/writing-center>).

Problem Sets

There will be a series of problem sets, which will be based largely on what we cover in class. The problem sets will consist of short answer essay and/or problems. The problem sets are designed to better prepare you for the exams. You will be allowed to work in groups, however each individual must turn in their own work (no copies!).

Tentative Topics to be Covered

I. Introduction

Chapters: 1 and 2

II. Classical Theory: The Long-run Model

Chapters: 3, 4, 6 (up to exchange rates), 5

III. Business Cycle Theory: The Short-run Model

Chapters: 9, 10 and 11

IV. Growth Theory: The Economy in the Very Long Run

Chapters: 7 and 8

Potential Current Event Topics

Debts and Deficits

Supply-Side Economics

Hayekian Macroeconomics

Schumpeterian Macroeconomics

Monetarism

This syllabus is subject to change. If I do make changes, I will announce them in class and/or email class members through www.emuonline.edu.
