

# Econ 3080: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Spring 2015

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Important! The dates and material are subject to change. This is just an outline.

Course Pages: The course website may be accessed through desire to learn.

Office Hours: 13:00-14:00 on Mondays and 14:00-15:00 on Wednesdays. My office is 313 in the Econ building.

Main References: Macro Economics by Charles I. Jones. ISBN: 978-0-393-92390-2. I will be using the third edition, but you are more than welcome to use earlier editions as it is all basically the same material.

Objectives: Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole. We will delve into the subjects you are probably most familiar with as being associated with economics. What happens to an economy in the long and short run? What roles do individuals and firms and governments play within the economy? Throughout the semester we will cover long run growth, aggregate demand and supply, unemployment and wages, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy.

We will utilize the foundations in microeconomic theory to build simple models of the economy. We will be making very simple models to help explain certain facets of the economy. Please remember that these are just models and do not tell us exactly what is going on in all cases, but only in specific cases. Through investigating the models this course will provide you with valuable intuition and insight into policy debates and other macro concerns.

Prerequisites: Understanding of algebraic systems and the ability to take derivatives. If you do not meet the prerequisites listed online, it is your responsibility to know when to get out of this class and avoid failing. The drop date is January 28th .

Grading Policy: Homework and quizzes (20%), Midterm 1 (20%), Midterm 2 (20%), Final (30%), Participation and Attendance (10%).

The department recommends that classes have a C+ or B- average. Please note this is an average and not a median, we will discuss grade distribution possibilities in class and the curve will be made clear to you should it be utilized. Further, attendance will be taken through quizzes and in class assignments. I may give you a quiz or in class assignment at any time WITHOUT WARNING. If you miss a day without a valid excuse you will not be able to make up the assignment.

Important Dates:

Midterm #1 ..... Feb 19, 2015  
Midterm #2 ..... April 16, 2015  
Final Exam ..... May 6, 2015, 13:30-16:00

## Tentative Course Outline:

- Week 1 . . . Intro to Macro . . . Chapters 1, 2, & 3
  - Week 2 . . . Production and Growth . . . Chapter 4
  - Week 3 . . . Solow . . . Chapter 5
  - Week 4 . . . Romer . . . Chapter 6
  - Week 5 . . . Labor . . . Chapter 7
  - Week 6 . . . Inflation . . . Chapter 8
  - Week 7 . . . The Short Run and IS Curve . . . Chapter 9, 11
  - Week 8 . . . Monetary Policy and the Phillips Curve . . . Chapter 12
  - Week 9 . . . AS and AD Model . . . Chapter 13
  - Week 10 . . . The Great Recession . . . Chapter 10, 14
  - Week 11 SPRING BREAK!!!! March 23-27
  - Week 12 . . . Open Economies . . . Chapter 18, 19
  - Week 13 . . . Consumption . . . Chapter 16
  - Week 14 . . . Investment . . . Chapter 17
  - Week 15 . . . Exchange Rates and International Finance . . .  
Chapter 20
  - Week 16 . . . Finish Up and Reviews
- FINAL EXAM May 6 13:30-16:00

## Class Policy:

Regular attendance is essential and expected

No CELL PHONES, there is no reason you need a cell phone, nor really a computer, but I'll allow computers for now, and we will see how it goes

Please be on time to class

Do not pack up early

R E S P E C T, tell you what it means to me

I am sure I have missed something, but again this is just an outline.

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determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>

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