

ECON-UA-12-SECTION-002
INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS
SNEHA AGRAWAL

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Course Objectives:

This course analyzes the aggregate economy in the short run, the long run and the very long run. Topics include economic growth, money and inflation, unemployment, macroeconomic fluctuations, monetary and fiscal stabilization policy, international macroeconomics, rules versus discretion in policymaking, and the recent global economic and financial crisis. Students must keep up with the readings given in the schedule below. All required readings must be done prior to the class meeting for which they are assigned and then again after the class meeting. Students are expected to keep up with current macroeconomic events. To do this read a good news source such as *The Economist*, the *Wall Street Journal* or the *Financial Times*.

Prerequisites:

Econ-UA 1 or Econ-UA 9001 or Econ-UB 11 or Bpep-UB 2 or Eci-UF 101 or Eci-UF 9101 or Econ- AD 102 and Econ-UA 10 or Econ- UA 9010 or Econ-UB 1 or Econ-SHU 3. If you have not passed the appropriate prerequisite for Econ 12 you cannot take this class and will be dropped. To function in this class you must have a good understanding of differential calculus.

TextBook:

Our textbook is *Macroeconomics by Greg Mankiw (10th ed.)*. If you decide to purchase the physical textbook, this course follows Mankiw's 10th edition. You may use earlier (cheaper) editions of the physical textbook but you are responsible for any differences in chapters, pagination, problems, assignments, and so on.

Supplemental Problem Sets:

Approximately 6 Supplemental problem sets will be assigned this semester. You are expected to master these problems since they are similar to exam questions. You do not turn in your answers to Supplemental Problem Sets but prepare answers for problem solving classes on Wednesdays.

Quiz:

There will be 3 "in-class" surprise quiz. These will have one question of 10 points based on discussions/ topics covered in the class. Best 2 out of 3 quiz will be counted towards your final grade. Refer to "Grading" section for more details.

EXAMS:

There are 2 exams for this class. 1 midterm and 1 final (cumulative). Exams are based on material drawn from (1) lectures; (2) Supplemental problem sets; and (3) Quiz. In general, you will not be tested on material in the textbook unless it has been covered in one of these three ways. Any exceptions to this rule will be announced in lecture.

NYU Classes:

All class announcements, Supplemental Problem Sets, slides/ notes from lecture, and so on will

be posted to NYU Classes. Students should check NYU Classes every day.

COURSE GRADE:

Your *Average Score* in the course is a weighted average with the following weights:

Quiz	20%
Midterm Exam	35%
Cumulative Final Exam	45%
Classroom Participation	Priceless (up to 1/3 of a letter; say from B+ to A)

Students *must* take the final exam to pass the course. Your *Average Score* determines your course letter grade which is based on a class performance ranking curve. Grades are based solely on the average score for the assigned work and exams; no extra credit or additional work will be offered.

EMERGENCIES, MISSED EXAMS, ETC: there are no make-up exams

Midterm exam: **There are no makeup exams.** If you miss the midterm exam for any reason (including illness), I shift that exam's weight to the final exam. You will be ranked with the rest of the class based solely on the exams that you took, as if everyone missed the same midterm you missed and everyone had the weight shifted onto the remaining exams just as you did. This eliminates any advantage from strategic behavior (e.g., choosing not to take an exam because you think it might be harder than other exams) or any disadvantage for those with emergencies (e.g., if the exam missed due to illness turned out to be easier than the other exams). (Serious personal problems, which require exceptions to normal class rules, will be decided, on a case-by-case basis, by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean).

Final Exam: Students with a documented serious illness or a documented personal emergency that prevents them from taking the final exam must contact me and request an Incomplete by the day before the final exam. The Economics Department decides if an incomplete is warranted; in that case only, a new final exam is administered in the next semester. For a more detailed description see the Academic Policies page of CAS at <http://cas.nyu.edu/academic-programs/bulletin/policies/academic-policies.html>.

Econ 12 Course Policies - YOU MUST READ and AGREE to FOLLOW all items on this page.

All members of Econ 12 must read and agree to these policies:

1. **Lateness:** You are expected to arrive and be seated by 2:30pm. To ensure this, arrive early. Being late disturbs and distracts your classmates and me. I will generally give a one-minute grace period before beginning lecture. In the rare event that you arrive late (after 2:30pm) enter quietly and quickly and find a seat on an aisle in the back. (Please do not sit on the aisle in the back unless you arrive late. We want to keep those seats free for latecomers.) When you arrive late your goal is to be seen and heard as little as possible. Do not walk through the rows or spend time looking for a seat. Attendance at lecture is not graded or required, but inconsiderate behavior (e.g. repeated lateness, causing distractions when late) can affect your grade. If lateness becomes a problem, we will adopt a "closed-door" policy, in which late students will not be allowed in class at all.
2. **Talking during Lecture:** Do not talk to other students during lecture. If you are confused about something, raise your hand to ask me in class, or wait until after class to ask me, or another student. If you start a discussion with a neighbor you will just miss more of the lecture and get further confused.
3. **Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones, & Other Devices** must be put away and turned off. Lecture is a conversation not dictation. Many studies show that if two groups of students view the same lecture those students who took notes longhand score significantly higher on the exam than did the students who took notes using a laptop. Research also shows that laptops in the classroom distract not only the students who use them and other students who sat nearby. Students are not permitted to tape, film or record lectures.
4. **At the End of Lecture:** as the end of lecture approaches do not prepare to leave (e.g. closing your notebook, packing up your book bag, putting on your coat). Wait until I announce lecture is over. This "preparing-to-leave" activity distracts your classmates who are trying to listen to the end of the lecture and me. If you must leave class early on a particular day, let me know in advance, and sit in the back.
5. **Midterm Exam:** The date for the midterm exam is given at the end of the syllabus; it is held in class on our regular day and at our regular time. There are no make-up exams. Be sure you understand how your grade will be affected if you miss an exam (see the previous section of this syllabus).
6. **Final Exam:** the final exam will be given on Wednesday, July 3 at 2:30pm - 04:40pm in our classroom. Do not make travel plans that conflict with this date. If you cannot sit for the final exam you cannot take this course. Students who do not take the final exam fail the course.
7. **Respect and Good Will:** all members of Econ 12 will treat all other members with respect and good will. It is not possible to conduct an honest, reasoned discussion of social and economic issues without reciprocal respect and good will.
8. **Academic Integrity and the Honor Code:** all students must adhere to the principles and practices in the Honor Code, maintain the highest integrity in their academic work, be committed to the critical evaluation of ideas, be free of personal prejudice, and recognize the obligation to create an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE and READING ASSIGNMENTS

All chapter readings are from Mankiw Macroeconomics, 10th edition. I reserve the right to make changes to this schedule. Any additional outside readings and changes to this schedule will be announced in lecture and posted on NYU-Classes. The exam dates are firm; the chapters covered on the mid-term exams will be announced in lecture one week prior to the exam date.

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| 1. Introduction, Basic Concepts | Chapters 1 & 2 (read on your own), 3.2 |
| 2. Economic Growth | Chapters 8 & 9 |
| 3. Macroeconomics of the Long run | Chapter 3: 3.3-3.4 |
| 4. Monetary System & Inflation | Chapters 4.1, 5 |
| 5. Unemployment | Chapter 7 |

Midterm Exam

June 17 at 02:30 pm-04:40pm in our classroom

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| 6. Short-run Aggregate Demand | Chapters 11 & 12 |
| 7. Aggregate Supply & Stabilization Policy | Chapters 10 & 14 |
| 8. Open-Economy Macroeconomics | Chapter 13 (if time permits) |

Final Exam (cumulative) : Wednesday, July 3 at 02:30 pm-04:40 pm in our classroom.