

Econ 212
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Spring 2008

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Course Description: Econ 212 applies the tools of aggregate economic analysis to problems of the performance of the national economy. An IS-LM model is developed that allows graphical and algebraic analysis of fiscal and monetary policies upon the aggregate economy. Particular emphasis is placed on the macroeconomic issues of inflation, unemployment and international economic relations.

Course Objective; The goal of Econ 212 is to provide an understanding of the causes of macroeconomic fluctuations in employment, inflation, and production. The course links the theories and data to enable students to assess the economic environment and its affect on individual industries and businesses.

Method of Instruction: The course is taught with a combination of lecture, discussions, problem sets, and examinations. Class interaction and the analysis of specific economic problems are stressed.

Academic Integrity: There is zero tolerance of any breach of academic integrity in the course. Students are expected to re-read and ask any questions about the Oxford Student Honor Code. The Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this class.

Texts Required to be Purchased by the Student: Robert Gordon's Macroeconomics, 10th edition. Addison-Wesley, 2006.

Greenspan, Alan. The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World, The Penguin Press, New York, 2007.

Examinations: There will be two in-terms exams and a final examination. The dates assigned for the exams will not change. However the material covered on each exam may deviate from the course schedule according to progress in lectures.

Grading Policy: Each exam accounts for 30% of the course grade. Homework, quizzes, and papers are worth 10% of the grade. Exams and homework will be graded numerically. Your numerical average will be converted into a letter grade:

A	= 94 up to 100
A-	= 90 up to 94
B+	= 87 up to 90
B	= 84 up to 87
B-	= 80 up to 84
C+	= 77 up to 80

C	= 74 up to 77
C-	= 70 up to 74
D+	= 67 up to 70
D	= 60 up to 67
F	= 0 up to 60

Attendance Policy: Attendance is required and will be recorded each class period. One point will be deducted from the student's final numerical course grade for each absence in excess of four absences.

Make-up examination Policy: Make-ups will be permitted only with written support (approved by the instructor) of serious situations that preclude the student's ability to take the exam during the scheduled time.

Important Dates

January 23 Drop/add period ends
 February 20- Exam I
 March 10-14 - Spring Break
 March 26 - Exam II
 Final Exam - see schedule

Course Outline

Week 1; January 16-18
 Chapter 1 What is Macroeconomics

Week 2; January 21-25
 Chapter 2 The Measurement of Income, Prices and Unemployment

Week 3; January 28- February 1
 Chapter 3 Spending, Income, and Interest Rates
 Chapter 4. Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the IS-LM Model

Week 4; February 4-8
 Chapter 4. (cont.)
 Chapter 5. National Saving, the Government Budget, Foreign Borrowing, and the Twin Deficits

Week 5; February 11-15
 Chapter 5. (cont.)

Week 6; February 18-22
Exam I- February 20- Chapters 1-5
 Chapter 6 International Trade, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomic Policy

Week 7; February 25-29

Chapter 7 Aggregate Demand, Aggregate Supply, and the Self-Correcting Economy

Chapter 8 Inflation: Its Causes and Cures

Week 8; March 3-7

Chapter 9. The Goals of Stabilization Policy: Low Inflation and Low Unemployment

Week 8; March 10-14

SPRING BREAK

Week 9; March 17-21

Chapter 10 The Theory of Economic Growth

Chapter 11. The Big Questions of Economic Growth

Week 10; March 24-28

Chapter 12. The Government Budget, the Public Debt, and Social Security

Exam II – March 26 Chapters 6-11

Week 11; March 31-April 4

Chapter 13 Money and Financial Markets

Chapter 14 Stabilization Policy in the Closed and Open Economy

Week 12; April 7-11

Chapter 15 Instability in the Private Economy: Consumption Behavior

Week 14; April 14-18

Chapter 16 Instability in the Private Economy: Investment

Week 15; April 21-25

Chapter 17 New Classical Macro Confronts New Keynesian Macro

Week 16; May 28-29

Review/course evaluation

Final- see exam schedule.