

Intermediate Macroeconomics Econ 4020-02 Syllabus, Summer 2012

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Course Objective: This course introduces the student into deeper understanding of to the economic activity at aggregate level. The main models in tackling growth, inflation, unemployment are discovered at an advanced level and also government tools in stabilizing and stimulating economy i.e. fiscal and monetary policy are considered. Discussions of past economic events and application of the learnt concepts is a main part of this course. The goal is to make the student able to understand these concepts and models and interpret macroeconomic processes in a critical way.

Prerequisite: ECON 2010 and 2020 and College Algebra.

Readings: Textbooks

*Mankiw "Macroeconomics," any recent edition.

The textbook can be purchased from the university's bookstore. Other articles from economic journals and newspapers will be supplied when necessary. There will be accompanying readings for the chapters and you will be required to read them too.

Coursework: There will be one midterm exam, one final, and four assignments which will contribute to you final grade as following:

Final Exam:	30%
Midterm Exam:	30%
Homework Each Week:	$5 * 5\% = 25\%$
Paper	: 15% (7.5 % for the preview + 7.5% for the final form.
Class Participation award extra points out of 10.	

There will be one homework each week that will be posted on Thursday and due on Sunday evening, and will discussed on Monday. The homework is good preparation for the midterm and final. You will be provided too with a study guide for each exam. All homework should be handed when they are due.

To pass this course successfully you need to attend the class and read the chapters from

the textbooks and the required articles (there will be one required article for some of the chapters), in addition to doing your homework on time.

A tentative date for the midterm is the 18th of July; the final exam will take place at the 2nd of August. Both exams will be closed notes exams and will cover multiple choice questions, quantitative problems, and essays.

The paper:

I will provide you with 6 topics to choose from to do your paper. I will upload 4 articles for each topic and I expect you to summarize well the articles in you paper and also to provide a coherent argument that engages you reflections and what you learnt in the class. You can add articles from either professional business or scientific journals if you wish. I will need you to choose the topic by the second week and to provide a summary of the articles by 23rd July. The paper is due on 7th of August. The paper length should be between 6-8 double spaced pages without the tables or the graphs.

If there is a topic that captures your interest and is not included in the topics I listed; You can email the topic for me and we can discuss it by the second week.

Grading Scale:

A 94%-100% A- 90%-93.9% B+ 87%-89.9% B 84%-86.9% B- 80%-83.9%
C+ 77%-79.9% C 74%-76.9% C- 70%-73.9% D+ 67%-69.9% D 64%-66.9%
D- 60%-63.9% E 0%-59.9%

Make up Exams: Make up exams are allowed just in extreme and documented cases. You should give me at least 2 weeks notice otherwise no make-up exam will be available.

Tentative Course Schedule:

The length of the semester may not prove sufficient for discussing in details all the topics presented in the book.

June 27	Chapter 2-3	
July 2	Chapter 4	
July 4	Holiday	
July 9	Chapter 5	Study Guide(1)
July 11	Chapter 6	
July 16	Chapter 9	Midterm Exam
July 18	Chapter 10	
July 23	Chapter 11	Paper preview due