UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA - NORMAN

ITERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY

ECON 3133: SECION 004 (Spring 2020)

TIME: TUSEDAYS AND THURTHDAYS 12:00 - 1:15 PM
ROOM: Cate Center One, 0338

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Required Textbook:

Macroeconomics by Olivier Blanchard, 7th edition
ISBN-10: 0133780589
ISBN-13: 978-0133780581

Course Description:

Economics is the study of how individuals and societies choose to use scarce resources to satisfy unlimited human wants. In Macroeconomics, we study how the overall economy works. Students will be introduced to intermediate level economic models that are designed to explain certain macroeconomic phenomena and problems such as growth, output, unemployment, and inflation. In addition, we will analyze certain aspects of the financial system. We will also analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the different government policies in influencing the overall economy.

Prerequisites:

Undergraduate level ECON 1113 Minimum Grade of C
Undergraduate level ECON 1123 Minimum Grade of C
(Undergraduate level MATH 1503 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MATH 1523 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MATH 1643 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MATH 1743 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MATH 1914 Minimum Grade of C or Undergraduate level MATH 1823 Minimum Grade of C)

Objectives:

Students will

- Be able to understand and to use macroeconomic terminology.
- Understand how the economy works in the aggregate level.
- Learn how the macroeconomic variables are related.
- Learn to read and interpret the empirical information in macroeconomic data, graphical displays, and tables.

- Analyze the sources of long-term prosperity and the contributing factors to long term economic growth.
- Analyze the causes of short-term economic fluctuations (business cycles) and the mechanism of "fixing" the economy to restore full employment (low unemployment) and low inflation.
- Analyze the emergence and the effects of rising national debt
- Analyze the current international macroeconomic issues and policy debates

Grading Policy:

There will be 4 quizzes, two homework, and two exams for this course. Your final grade will be calculated in the following manner:
(100% = exam1 25% + exam2 25% + attendance 15% + homework 15% + quizzes 20%)

Quizzes:

4 announced quizzes will be given in class during the semester. Each quiz will be about 30 minutes in length. If you cannot take a quiz for an unavoidable situation, your average score for other quizzes will be given.

Exams:

Each exam will count for 25% of your grade, respectively. They are not cumulative. There will be no make-up exam for the first exam. If you cannot take the second exam for an avoidable situation, one more chance will be given with an official document to prove it. If you are not in a condition to re-take the exam, 70% of average of all the scores from quizzes, homework, and the first exam will be given for the second exam.

Midterm exam is scheduled on Thursday, March 05, 2020, 12:00~1:15 PM, Cate Center One, 0338

Final exam is scheduled on May 5, 2020, 01:30~3:00 PM, Cate Center One, 0338

Extra Grade:

Students who participate actively in class will receive extra credits up to 0.2 on a 4.0 scale. The maximum number of recipients will be about 10% of class.

"It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays."

Tentative Course Schedule

Chapter 2: ‘A Tour of the Book’
Chapter 3: ‘The Goods Market’
Chapter 4: ‘Financial markets’

Chapter 5: ‘Goods and Financial Markets: The IS-LM Model’
Chapter 7: ‘The Labor Market’
Chapter 8: ‘The Phillips Curve, the Natural Rate of Unemployment and Inflation’
Chapter 9: ‘From the Short-run to the Medium-run: The IS-LM-PC Model’

Chapter 10: ‘The Facts of Growth’
Chapter 11: ‘Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output’
Chapter 12: ‘Technological Progress and Growth’

Chapter 17: ‘Openness in Goods and financial Markets’
Chapter 18: ‘The Goods market in an Open Economy’
Chapter 19: ‘Output, the Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate’
Chapter 20: ‘Exchange Rate Regimes’