

ECON 341/441-Intermediate Macroeconomics

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Department of Economics

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Class Location: Faner 1222

Time: TR, 3 : 35 - 4 : 50 pm

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Course Objective

This course is intended for economic majors. The main objective is to provide students with knowledge of the core theoretical models used in macroeconomics and undertake in-depth analysis of modern macroeconomic theory and policy. Macroeconomics studies how various markets work together in general equilibrium. Therefore, we will study markets in isolation and in equilibrium. Students are expected to have some background in introductory macroeconomics. I shall use formal algebraic representations of models and graphs to present and develop the main concepts and ideas. If you need help with these aspects of the course please seek help.

Textbook

Mankiw,G. (2007) **Macroeconomics, 6th edition.** (Required)

Study Guide and Workbook for this textbook. (Recommended)

Blackboard

Go to mycourses.siu.edu. From here use your SIU login ID and Password. If you do not have an SIU account I strongly suggest you obtain one. This web site includes, but is not limited to, the following: (i) lecture notes, (ii) assignments, (iii) answer key to assignments and exams. You are expected to obtain assignments and course material from this web site.

Class Conduct

In-class conduct is expected to be considerate of your classmates. Music players and cell phones must be turned off. Reading newspaper or magazines is not allowed.

Grading

Mid-Term Exam 40 %, Final Exam 45%, Assignments/Quizzes 15%.

Exams/Assignments/Quizzes

There will be 1 in-class mid-term exam, one final comprehensive exam. There is no fixed number of assignments or quizzes. Note on assignments: (i) these will be announced in class, (ii) each assignment must be submitted during class time ONLY. Late assignments WILL NOT be accepted and a score of 0 will be recorded. Quizzes maybe given without prior notice. Exams, assignments and quiz content will be based on the material covered during class. Exam dates: the instructor will notify the student a week in advance prior to the exam date. Exam format: exams will consist of a few multiple choice questions, and short essay type and problem solving questions.

Very Important

Students who miss any quiz, assignment or exam due to reasonable excuses must contact me beforehand otherwise a score of 0 will be recorded. There is no make-up work and no “incompletes” will be given in this course. Please contact the instructor as soon as possible should you have any questions about the material discussed in class or this syllabus.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating is not expected, but in case a student violates this policy appropriate steps will be taken to address the situation.

Students with special needs

If you have special needs related to disabilities which may affect your performance in this course, please notify the instructor as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Course schedule

The instructor reserves the right to make modifications (i.e., deletions or additions) to the schedule, outline, quizzes and assignment as deemed necessary.

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Course Outline

Part 1 - Introduction to macroeconomics, chapters 1-2.

Macroeconomics and microeconomics, using functions to express relationships among variables.
A simple model of supply and demand.
GDP and its components, inflation and unemployment.

Part 2 - The economy in the long run, chapters 3-6, 7.

Decisions facing the competitive firm, marginal product of labor, firm's demand for factors.
Equilibrium in the goods and services markets, and financial markets.
Money, inflation and the Quantity Theory of Money.
The open economy, exchange rates, unemployment and the minimum wage.
The Solow Growth Model.

Part 3 - The economy in the short run, chapters 9-13.

Aggregate demand and aggregate supply.
The IS-LM model.
The Mundell-Fleming Model.

GOOD LUCK!