

## INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS

ECON 3123, Section 001

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### ***COURSE OBJECTIVES and DESCRIPTION***

Macroeconomics studies determination of prices, quantities, and government policy at the aggregate, that is, national, level. The important aggregate quantities are national income and production (Also Known As *GDP*), employment and unemployment, and the balance of trade. The important aggregate prices are the price level, the interest rate, the wage rate, and the foreign exchange rate. At the aggregate level, policy includes monetary policy and fiscal policy. Monetary policy refers to the central bank's control of the money stock and the nominal interest rate. Fiscal policy refers to the government's control of taxes and government spending.

We will spend most of our time developing the macroeconomic theory that explains the determination and the growth rate of these aggregates. We will also spend considerable time studying ways that macroeconomic policy might affect these aggregates.

### ***TEXTBOOKS***

Required: Macroeconomics, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw, Worth Publishers

Optional: Student Guide and Workbook, by Roger Kaufman, Worth Publishers. The Student Guide is *optional*. You may benefit as much from material available free on the text website (see below).

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition is new. Used copies of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition probably are available, at lower prices. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition is not very much different than the 5<sup>th</sup>. I think not very much is lost by using the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. However, page numbers differ somewhat.

### ***TEXTBOOK WEBSITE***

Although I will not refer to the Mankiw text website, you may benefit from some of its features. The website includes self-tests, a data plotter, simulations of macro models, a macroeconomics 'game,' and a PowerPoint demonstration (Macroeconomics Modules, by Mannig Simidian). You will need to use Winzip software to access Macroeconomics Modules. The URL is [www.worthpublishers.com/mankiw](http://www.worthpublishers.com/mankiw).

### ***GRADES***

There will be two tests during the semester, and a ***comprehensive*** final exam. The maximum possible score on each is 100 points, for a total possible score of 300 points. There will be no make-ups. Students taking both tests can drop the lowest test grade, if doing so improves the course grade. The final cannot be dropped. No student missing both tests will receive a passing grade in the course, even if the student takes the comprehensive final. The comprehensive final is ***required***. Students who do not take the final at the time scheduled by the University

Registrar must take an *all essay* final. This never is a good alternative.

Students arriving late for a test can take the test only if ***no student has turned in a paper*** before the late arrival. Under ***no*** circumstances will a student arriving later be permitted into the test room. Students arriving late for a test receive no extra time. Under ***no*** circumstances will a student who leaves the test room during a test period be permitted to reenter, so plan your activities accordingly. Other than for religious purposes, no headgear is worn during a test. These rules apply to the comprehensive final exam.

Course letter grade assignment:

- A 89.5% or higher
- B 79.5%-89.49%
- C 69.5%-79.49%
- D 59.5%-69.49%
- F Below 59.5%

### ***IMPORTANT DATES***

Carefully note that test dates are ***tentative***, and subject to change. Except for the comprehensive final, I reserve the right to change a test date, if doing so is expedient. Keep this in mind, when scheduling activities.

Monday, January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King holiday
Monday, February 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Test
Monday, February 19	Class Canceled
Monday, March 5–Friday, March 9	Spring Break
Monday, March 19	Class Canceled
Monday, April 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Test
Monday, May 7, 2:00 to 4:45 pm	Comprehensive Final Exam

### ***CELL PHONES AND PAGERS***

Ringling cell phones and buzzing pagers are distracting. Common courtesy requires that you turn off your cell phone/pager before entering the classroom.

### ***ATTENDANCE***

Students who attend class regularly are, on average, more successful than students who do not. The student is responsible for having class notes and awareness of requirements for this class. If you must miss a class, obtain the class notes, and other missed information, from a fellow student. I will not provide this information.

### ***CHAPTER READING ASSIGNMENTS***

The schedule is tentative. It may be revised during the semester in order to cover newly developing macroeconomic issues and events, or because of unforeseen constraints. Therefore, some topics may not be covered. .

## **PART I – Introduction**

Chapter 1, The Science of Macroeconomics

Chapter 2, The Data of Macroeconomics

**PART II – Classical Theory: The Economy in the Long Run**

Chapter 3, National Income: Where It Comes from and Where It Goes

Chapter 4, Money and Inflation

Chapter 5, The Open Economy

Chapter 6, Unemployment

**PART III – Growth Theory: The Economy in the VERY Long Run**

Chapter 7, Economic Growth I

Chapter 8, Economic Growth II

**PART IV – Business Cycle Theory: The Economy in the Short Run**

Chapter 9, Introduction to Economic Fluctuations

**PART V – Macroeconomic Policy Debates**

Chapter 14, Stabilization Policy

***ACADEMIC INTEGRITY***

Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of the UNCC Code of Student Academic Integrity. This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor, and are binding on the students. Academic evaluation in this course includes a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNCC. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases the course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of Academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.