

ECON 301 A: Intermediate Macroeconomics

Syllabus - Summer Quarter 2017

Lectures: M-F, 10:50-11:50pm; Exed 110
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Welcome

Feel free to address me as Guillermo. I will use the course website to post materials and make announcements so make sure you are registered. If you are unsure about due dates or anything else, please ask your classmates first before emailing me.

Overview

In this course we will study the determination of macroeconomic variables - such as output, employment, prices, and the interest rate - in the short, medium, and long run. We will also study the conduct of fiscal and monetary policy and how those affect macroeconomic outcomes. The emphasis of the course will be on constructing models and contrasting them with evidence.

Important

Introductory Macroeconomics is an important prerequisite. If you forgot your macro and want to take this course, you should review your ECON 201 textbook or notes as soon as possible.

Textbook

- Our main textbook is "Macroeconomics", by Olivier Blanchard (6th edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall).

Assignments and Grading

- The weights (and dates) to determine your course grade will be:

	Weight	Date
Midterm Exam	30%	July 13, 10:50 am
Final Exam	30%	August 16, 10:50am
Problem Sets	30%	TBA
Group presentation	10%	Once in the quarter

- Exams: We will have two exams. They will not be cumulative.

- Problem Sets: There will be four problem sets due via Canvas on dates that I will announce. They will mostly consist of data work (you can use Excel or other statistical software such as R, Python, etc). Uploaded files must be pdfs. There is no making up for problems sets but I will drop the lowest score. You are encouraged to collaborate on the problem sets.
- Group Presentation: We will have student group presentations in every class. Your group will present once during the quarter. I will provide more information later.
- Grading: The grading policy of the Department of Economics sets the upper boundary for the Median grade in principles of economics courses at 3.1. There is a (preliminary) grade scale, but it will be adjusted along the way to maintain a median grade for this course in the 2.8-3.1 range.

Timetable

Week #	Days	Topic	Textbook Reference
1	June 18 - June 23	Introduction and Goods Market	Ch. 1,2,3
2	June 26 - June 30	Financial Market and IS-LM Model	Ch. 4, 5,9
3	July 3 - July 7	Labour Market and Phillips Curve	Ch. 6,8
4	July 10 - July 14	Review week and Midterm exam	
5	July 17 - July 21	Open Economy	Ch. 18,19
6	July 24 - July 28	Open Economy	Ch. 20,21
7	July 31 - August 4	Economic Growth	Class notes
8	August 7 - August 11	Inequality	Class notes
9	August 14 - August 17	Review and final exam	

Exam Policy

- All books, papers, notebooks, etc., must be placed inside your backpack or other type of bag, which must be securely and fully closed. If you do not have a bag, you must place all your material out of your reach.
- You are allowed to have a calculator. Sharing of calculators is not permitted.
- No other electronic devices can be accessible during the exam. You are not allowed to use a cellular phone during an exam.
- You are not allowed to leave the room during the exam. This includes restroom use; be sure to use the restroom before the beginning of the exam.
- If you arrive late to an exam, you cannot expect to get extra time after the official end of the exam to make up for the missing time at the beginning.
- If you have a documented disability, please bring documentation from the Office of Disability Resources for Students on the first day of class, so that I can make any arrangements required for accommodations.
- Make-up exams: I will require both the phone number and address of the doctor/clinic in order to verify the authenticity of the documentation you provide.

Extra Resources

- Econ 301 is part of the CLUE Program on campus. The CLUE evening study sessions provide extra educational support for students. The CLUE dates and times for Econ 301 will be announced on CLUE website. The CLUE schedule online is at: <http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/clue/home/>
- EUB Tutoring: The Economics department offers tutoring to students who have a hard time with Economics- related courses. Refer to the EUB Tutoring schedule online for more information: <http://depts.washington.edu/ecnboard/eub-tutoring/>

Academic Integrity

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<http://depts.washington.edu/grading/pdf/AcademicResponsibility.pdf>

The following is the Economics Department policy on Academic Conduct: Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the Department's rules for student conduct and evaluation of student learning. Students accused of academic misconduct will be referred directly to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct for disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Conduct Code and, if found guilty, will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions range from a disciplinary warning, to academic probation, to immediate dismissal for the Department and the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. Dismissal can be, and has been, applied even for first offenses. Moreover, a grade of zero can be assigned by the instructor for the course.