INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS

ECON 301 C (SPRING 2014)

TIME: TUSEDAYS AND THURSDAYS 8:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
ROOM: LOW 101

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Required Textbook:
Macroeconomics by Olivier Blanchard 6th edition

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:
2.0 in ECON 201, 2.0 in ECON 300.

Objectives:
Students will
• Understand and be able 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 current international macroeconomic issues and policy debates

**Grading Policy:***

There will be three quizzes and homework, and two exams for this course. Your final grade will be calculated in the following manner:

- Homework: 10%
- Participation: 5%
- Quizzes: 20%
- Midterm: 30%
- Final: 35%

**Quizzes:**

Three announced quizzes will be given in class during the quarter. Each quiz will be about 30-35 minutes in length. The lowest score will not be included in your total grade. Each remaining score will count for 10% of your grade. Even if you cannot take a quiz for an unavoidable situation, a make-up quiz will not be given.

**Exams:**

1st and 2nd exam will count for 30% and 35% of your grade, respectively. They are cumulative. There is no make-up exam for the first exam. If you could not 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 the condition to re-take the exam with an official document, 70% of average of all the scores from quizzes, homework, and the first exam will be given for the second exam.

**Homework:**

Homework will be given out in class on particular Thursdays and will be collected in the next Tuesdays. They are meant as a guideline on how well you understand the material presented in class and in the textbook.

**Final Grade:**

There is a set of grading guidelines for Econ 301. The upper median grade for this class should not be higher than 3.1. Therefore, a 4.0 grading scale will be sent to all students through the class e-mail list after results of the final test come out.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

We will cover the following chapters with 3 quizzes, 3 homework, and 2 exams.

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Chapter 7: Putting All Markets Together: The AS-AD Model
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Chapter 8: The Natural Rate of Unemployment and the Phillips Curve.

Week 5
Review
1st Exam (Thursday, May 1st, 2014)

Week 6
Chapter 10: The Facts of Growth
Chapter 11: Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output

Week 7
Chapter 12: Technological Progress and Growth
Chapter 18: Openness in Goods and financial Markets

Week 8
Chapter 19: The Goods market in an Open Economy

Week 9
Chapter 20: Output, Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate

Week 10
Chapter 21: Exchange Rate Regimes
Review

Accommodations:
If you have a documented disability I encourage you to work with the staff at Office of Disability Resources for Students. If you have a notification of a disability from that office and feel comfortable sharing that with me please do so, so that I can help make any necessary accommodations