

Syllabus

Econ 3080

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Textbook: Mankiw (2012). Macroeconomics, Worth Publishers, 8th edition (6th and 7th editions are also available as well)

Description

Macroeconomics is the study of the aggregate economy. We will explore the determinants of both long term trends and short term fluctuations (business cycles) and explore the roles that consumers, firms, and governments play in the economy. Over the course of the semester we will cover long run growth, aggregate demand and supply, unemployment and wages, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, as well as applying the tools of analysis to the recent recession. We will intersperse current events with our modeling to better understand what we are studying, and what happens in the world's economy. In the end you will have the technical tools necessary to intelligently read about and discuss current and past macroeconomic events.

Prerequisites

1. ECON 1000 or ECON 2020 or equivalent from another institution.
2. ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310, or MATH 1081, or MATH 1080, 1090 and 1100, or APPM 1350, or equivalent from another institution.

This course requires basic calculus and algebra tools. It will be assumed that students possess these and there will be no formal math review.

Attendance

Attendance will not be taken as it is your responsibility to come to class. I strongly recommend that you come to class, engage, and ask questions. However, I may occasionally give bonus points for attendance on random dates. My notes will NOT be available online so if you miss a lecture you must get notes from a classmate. Additionally, I reserve the right to test on anything covered in class, regardless of whether it is in the book.

