

Syllabus for Econ 100B
Intermediate Macroeconomics

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Sections:

Tuesday and Thursday in Phys. Sciences 136 from 7:30-8:30pm

Text: [1] C.I. Jones, Macroeconomics, W. W. Norton, Incorporated, 2017.

Get your online book here: <https://digital.wwnorton.com/macro4> It is cheaper than the bookstore.

Description:

Economics is a social science, it provides a framework in which to organize observed economic phenomena in order to develop an understanding of the world. The economy is a complex relationship of variables and behavior. Because of this inherent complexity, using the correct diction is necessary to the comprehension of economic relationships. The discipline of economics requires clear logic and clear thinking, it also promotes those qualities in those who study the subject.

Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole. It examines the aggregate behavior of the economy. This is different from microeconomics, which is the study of the economic behavior of individual consumers, firms, and industries. We will study how economists model the relationships between aggregate economic variables and examine how various fiscal and monetary policies can affect results. Specifically, we will cover topics of inflation, unemployment, national income, growth and problems of the national economy, stabilization policy, as well as exchange rates (if time allows). The main goal of this class is to improve your economic literacy and ability to apply economic logic to world events. A secondary goal is to prepare you for upper division economics courses.

Prerequisite(s):

Introductory Macroeconomics, Introductory Microeconomics

Attendance (10% of your grade):

Pop quizzes throughout the day

Homework (20% of your grade):

A few problems from the back of the book chapters every day, turned in once a week.

Midterm Exam (30% of your grade):

Thursday, August 16th, in class.

Final Exam (40% of your grade):

Cumulative, Thursday, August 30th, in class.

A: 95% and above

B+: 87.0-89.9% C+: 75.1-79.9%

A-: 90.0-94.9%

B: 84.0-86.9% C: 65.0-75.0

B-: 80.0-83.9% Not Passing: Below 65.0%