Economics 300
Intermediate Macroeconomics
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Course Description
This course is an in-depth exploration of how macroeconomic models help us explain and predict the behavior of the aggregate economy in the short- and long-run. We study five modules. We study the Keynesian IS-LM model and show how output and interest rates are jointly determined. We follow that with study of the labor market, and its connections with the markets for goods and money. All these will help us analyze and explain current macro-economic policies and debates. We then extend these models to look at open economies. Following the neoclassical approach, we finish with an examination and critique of the long-run Solow-Growth-Model. This model provides some insights into why some countries develop faster than others. We finish with a closer examination of the practice of monetary and fiscal policy.


Grading
Exam I (Modules I-II) 30%
Exam II (Modules III-IV) 30%
4 Problem Sets (Modules I-IV) 25%
Attendance and participation 15%
Grades awarded will include +/- notation

Exams
Exams will cover material from lectures, problem sets, writing assignments and the textbook. Exams are not cumulative.
Exam I: TBA
Exam II: TBA
**Problem Sets**
There will be four problem sets. They are designed to test students’ understanding of concepts developed in class and to ensure that students keep up with the required reading. Problem sets have to be handed in not later than the beginning of lecture the day they are due. No late problem sets will be accepted. An answer key will be posted on the web for each problem set after its due date. Problem sets due dates will be announced in class.

**Schedule of Readings** in Blanchard:
Precise reading assignments will be announced ahead of time in class:
Chapters
Module I:  1-2 Introduction to (closed) macroeconomics
          3-5 The Short Run: IS-LM model (1st problem set)
Module II:  6-7 The Medium Run: AS-AD model (2nd problem set)
Exam I
          Module III:  18 Introduction to (open) macroeconomics
          19-21 The Short Run: IS-LM-IP model (3rd problem set)
Module IV:  10-12 The Long Run: The Solow model (4th problem set)
Module V:  24 Policy in a political world
          25-26 Fiscal and monetary policy
Exam II

**Extra Readings**
The class website contains other readings that are divided by subject (according to the course’s modules).

**Disability Assistance**
If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please, (1) contact the KOKUA program at 956-7511 or 956-7612 (located in QLCS, Room 013) and (2) discuss with me any specific needs related to your documented disability.

**Academic Accountability**
Students are expected to abide by the University’s academic code of conduct. All work, including examinations, should be that of the student submitting it.