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Econ 1312-5: Principles of Macroeconomics

Objective

The main objective is to provide an overview of modern macroeconomics. The goal is to use basic tools to explain how the real world works, and also to identify the sources that concern macroeconomic policy. The first part of the course is devoted to long-run issues such as the sources of economic growth and the determinants of economic development. Then, we consider the short-run and focus on business cycle fluctuations and the efficacy of policies towards the stabilization of economic fluctuations.

Class Hours

Lectures will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2h10pm to 3h25pm in CSI 104.

Office Hours (Chapman 422)

Monday: 10am – 11h30am

Tuesday: 4h50pm – 6pm

Thursday: 10am – 11am & 4h50pm – 6pm

Tlearn

I will also make significant use of Trinity's Learning Environment (**tlearn**). In particular, homework assignments and some figures to follow in class will be posted there (and will *not* be distributed as hard copies).

Textbook

“Principles of Macroeconomics”, 7th edition, by Robert Frank, Ben Bernanke, Kate Antonovics, and Ori Heffetz. Its published by McGraw-Hill. The textbook for this course is on reserve at the circulation desk in the library. As an alternative to purchasing or renting the textbook, you may check it out from the library for 2 hours at a time to do your readings/homework.

Grading

Attendance/Participation: 12%

Homeworks (7): 10%

Group Project on selected topics: 18% (3% comment, 10% presentation, 5% report)

Midterms: 20% (highest) 10% (lowest) (September 25th, October 25th)

Final: 30% (December 11th, 3h30pm)

Make-up Exams

The only acceptable excuses for missing an exam are medical illnesses or family emergencies. Any exam that is missed without a *verifiable* legitimate reason will receive a grade of zero. Moreover, if you have a legitimate excuse and you will not be able to take an exam on time, you need to let me know *before* the exam.

Syllabus

I – Introduction (*Chapters 1,2,3*)

- Core Principles
- The Economic Approach

II – Data Issues

- Economic Measurement (*Chapter 5*)
- Inflation (*Chapter 6*)
- Wages and Unemployment (*Chapter 8*)

III – The Economy in the Long-Run

- Economic Growth (*Chapter 7*)
- Capital Accumulation (*Chapter 9*)

IV – The Economy in the Short-Run

- Facts and Definitions
- Business Cycle Analysis
- Keynesian Approach

V – Selected Topics

- Exchange Rates and the Open Economy (*Chapter 17*)
- International Trade (*Chapter 16*)

Lecture	Date	Assignment
1	Aug 23 rd	Introduction; Class rules; syllabus
2	Aug 28 th	Class material (Chp 1-2-3 / Chp 5 / Chp 6)
3	Aug 30 th	
4	Sep 4 th	
5	Sep 6 th	
6	Sep 11 th	
7	Sep 13 th	
8	Sep 18 th	
9	Sep 20 th	
10	Sep 25 th	
11	Sep 27 th	Solve midterm, Class material
12	Oct 2 nd	Class material (Chp 8 / Chp 7 / Chp 9)
13	Oct 4 th	
14	Oct 9 th	
15	Oct 11th	
16	Oct 16 th	
17	Oct 18 th	
18	Oct 23 rd	
19	Oct 25 th	
20	Oct 30 th	Solve midterm, Class material (shocks)
21	Nov 1 st	Class material (shocks)
22	Nov 6 th	Class material (BC – facts & framework)
23	Nov 8 th	Project Presentations (there will be a separate schedule posted on tlearn next week)
24	Nov 13 th	
25	Nov 15 th	
26	Nov 20 th	Free class (Thanksgiving week)
---	Nov 22 nd	Thanksgiving!
27	Nov 27 th	Class material (BC)
28	Nov 29 th	
29	Dec 4 th	Review Session