

CARLETON UNIVERSITY
Department of Economics
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory for Non-Mathematical Majors

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Meeting times: 18:05–20:55 on Tuesdays from September 4 to December 6, 2019, Southam Hall, Room 306

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main topics in macroeconomic theory presented in a relatively non-technical manner (e.g., without the requiring knowledge of calculus) with illustrations of their application. Not open to students in any Economics, B.Com., B.C.S., B.Eng., B.I.D., B.Math., or B.Sc. program.

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of macroeconomic theory and its policy applications. There is a focus on the Canadian macroeconomic policies and institutions. Macroeconomic analysis is applied to a variety of contemporary concerns such as economic growth, unemployment, inflation, and economic fluctuations. Emphasis is placed on the economic insights into the real-life problems. The purpose of this course is to build on students' knowledge of basic microeconomics and macroeconomics from ECON1000 (which is a prerequisite for this course), and give you a deeper understanding of macroeconomics. This course is aimed at students who do not plan to major in economics, and who do not have a math background. There is less emphasis on math than economics majors would get. There will be more emphasis on diagrams in explaining the fundamental macroeconomics concepts and theories similar diagrams that you have seen in ECON1000.

Since many of you are in majors that emphasis policy questions, we will spend more time on macroeconomic policy than economics majors would. We will spend a lot of time on monetary policy and fiscal policy, and how these policies might be used to promote macroeconomic stability. But first we have to understand why economies fluctuate – why they have booms and recessions – before we can see what role monetary and fiscal policy might have. And before we can talk about fluctuations, we need to understand long run growth. I won't always stick to the text, and I expect you to attend all classes, because we might cover some things that aren't in the text.

PREREQUISITE

The prerequisite for this course is ECON 1001 and 1002 or Econ 1000 or FYSM 1003. Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Administrator, Amanda Wright.

OFFICE HOURS & TUTORIALS

Office hours will be held by the teaching assistants. Further details will be posted on CuLearn.

CULEARN

This course will make use of CuLearn. During the term, the instructor will post lecture notes, assignments, due dates, a more detailed reading list, etc. The instructor will also use CuLearn to make announcements, if necessary, and communicate with students the dates of the tutorials and the material covered in those. Students are individually responsible for regularly checking CuLearn to ensure that they are up to date with any announcements and have access to posted documents.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Abel, Bernake, Croushore and Kneebone, **Macroeconomics, Eight Canadian Edition, Pearson, 2016.**
ISBN: 978-0-13-464635-0.

EVALUATION

The basis for determining your final grade in this course is as follows:

Class Participation	_____	10%
Assignment#1 (October 8 th)	_____	10%.
Midterm (October 29 th)	_____	30% (Make-up Mid-term, Saturday, Nov 2 nd)
Assignment#2 (November 19 th)	_____	10%
Final Exam (Cumulative)	_____	40% (Scheduled by Examination Services in December, 2019)

Students' class participation marks worth 5% will be based on preparedness and participation in class reviews and class quizzes.

It is essential to attend the lectures since material not included in the textbook will be discussed in class. Working thoroughly through the questions in the textbook is a sensible strategy for students wanting to do well in this class. All problem sets, relevant course material, and announcements will be available on CuLearn under ECON 2101A. Reading week during Fall 2019 semester is from October 21 to 25 and there will be no classes during this period.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who miss the in-class mid-term exam must provide a valid medical certificate in order to write the Saturday make-up mid-term exam. There are no other options. The mid-terms exam will cover everything from the first class of the term up to, and including, the class prior to the exam. The final exam is a cumulative exam, covering all the material discussed during the entire semester. Write your exams in pen or you lose the option of having any marking errors corrected!

See Academic Regulation 2.3 for the official meanings of grades, and note that it stipulates that no course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar's Office.

RE-MARKING

Any request for remarking of an exam must be submitted in writing within a two week period of that exam being returned to the class. The request should contain a detailed explanation of why you feel you should receive a higher mark. Please note that remarking will apply to the entire exam not just the contentious question(s). As a result, the revised mark may be higher than, lower than, or the same as the original mark.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Carleton University is committed to providing access to the educational experience in order to promote academic accessibility for all individuals.

Academic accommodation refers to educational practices, systems and support mechanisms designed to accommodate diversity and difference. The purpose of accommodation is to enable students to perform the essential requirements of their academic programs. At no time does academic accommodation undermine or compromise the learning objectives that are established by the academic authorities of the University.

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. It takes time to review and consider each request individually, and to arrange for accommodations where appropriate. Please make sure you respect these timelines particularly for in-class tests, mid-terms and final exams, as well as any change in due dates for papers. You can visit the website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <https://students.carleton.ca/course-outline>.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Please be aware that plagiarism is a serious offence at Carleton and should be recognized and avoided. For further information on how to avoid plagiarism, please see “Pammett on Plagiarism and Paraphrasing” at www.carleton.ca/economics/courses/writing-preliminaries.

REQUIRED READINGS

Schedule Dates	Reading List
September 10	Chapter 1 – Introduction to Macroeconomics Chapter 2 – The Measurement and Structure of the Canadian economy
September 17	Chapter 3 – Productivity, Output, And Employment
September 24	Chapter 4 – Consumption, Savings and Investments
October 1	Chapter 5 – Saving and Investment in the Open Economy
October 8	Assignment 1 & Chapter 7– The Asset Market, Money, and Prices
October 15	Review in Preparation of Midterm & Chapter 8 – Business Cycles
October 21 -25	Fall Break – Reading Week
October 29	Midterm Exam & Chapter 9 – The IS–LM– FE Model: A General Framework for Macroeconomics Analysis
November 5	Chapter 10 – Exchange Rates, Business Cycles, and Macroeconomic Policy in the Open Economy
November 12	Chapter 12 – Keynesian Business Cycle Analysis: Non-Market – Clearing Macroeconomics Chapter 13 – Unemployment and Inflation
November 19	
November 26	Assignment 2 & Chapter 14 – Monetary Policy and the Bank of Canada
December 3	Review in Preparation of Final Exam Chapter 15 – Government Spending and Its Financing

(Note that additional readings may be required and assigned throughout the term).