



**College of Business Administration**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Aggregate Economic Condition Analysis**  
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**ECO 3203-0001**  
**Fall 2002**

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### **Course Outline**

Time	:	W 18:00 – 20:50.
Location	:	BA 116.
Office	:	BA 360.
Office Hours	:	TW 15:00 – 16:00.
Class Web Page	:	<a href="http://www.bus.ucf.edu/omikhail/Eco3203/Eco-3203.htm">http://www.bus.ucf.edu/omikhail/Eco3203/Eco-3203.htm</a>
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### **Course Objective:**

Macroeconomics is the most interesting and core part of economics. This course is an intermediate level of macroeconomics. We explore the short-run and the long-run behavior of the economy. The course presents macroeconomic models based on microeconomic principles. Applications to current and historical economic problems are emphasized. By the end of the course, students should be able to apply the material to understand current discussions about the national economy. The course presents a solid ground in modern theoretical macroeconomics with a “Theory Confronts Data” approach. It prepares the student to undertake advanced macroeconomics, pursue graduate studies and to become a policy analyst. Basic knowledge of calculus and algebra are required. Students are responsible for *all* materials presented in the textbook, in the study guide and in the lecture notes.

### **E-mail Policy and Class Web Page:**

During weekdays, I should be able to answer your e-mail within 24 hours. The lecture notes are available at the class web page. Visit the class web page regularly for announcements.

### **Required Book:**

Stephen D. Williamson. (2002) *Macroeconomics*. Pearson Education, Addison-Wesley. ISBN: 0-201-71046-3.

Visit the book Web site for the Study Guide, <http://www.aw.com/williamson> Also, each chapter of the textbook includes a set of Conference Board Problems that make use of the on-line database.

### **Evaluation: (Preliminary)**

Quiz I (September 4, 2002)	12.5 %
Quiz II (September 25, 2002)	12.5 %
Quiz III (October 16, 2002)	12.5 %
Quiz IV (November 6, 2002)	12.5 %
Assignments	10.0 %
Final Exam (December 4, 2002)	40.0 %

**The FINAL EXAM is at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Reading List:**

Weeks 1 – 2 – 3	Introduction, Measurement and Business Cycle Measurement. Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
Week 3	September 4, 2002 <b>QUIZ I.</b>
Weeks 4 – 5 – 6	Consumer and Firm Behavior: The work-leisure decision and profit max. A Closed-Economy One-Period Macroeconomic Model. Chapters 4 and 5.
Week 6	September 25, 2002 <b>QUIZ II.</b>
Weeks 7 – 8 – 9	A Two-Period Model: The consumption-savings decision and Ricardian Equivalence. A Real Intertemporal Model with Investment. Chapters 6 and 7.
Week 9	October 16, 2002 <b>QUIZ III.</b>
Week 10	Economic Growth. Chapter 8.
Week 11	A Monetary Intertemporal Model: The Neutrality of Money, Long-Run Inflation, and Money Demand. Chapter 9.
Week 12	October 16, 2002 <b>QUIZ IV.</b>
Week 13	Keynesian Business Cycle Theory: The Sticky Wage Model. Chapter 10.
Week 14	Market-Clearing Models of the Business Cycle. Chapter 11.
Week 15	Inflation, the Phillips Curve, and Central Bank Commitment. Chapter 16.