



College of Business Administration
Department of Economics
Aggregate Economic Condition Analysis
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Course Outline

Time	:	TTh 8:30 – 9:45.
Location	:	BA 221.
Office	:	BA 360.
Office Hours	:	TTh 10:30 –12:00.
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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.

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 (January 22, 2002)	15%
Quiz II (February 12, 2002)	15%
Quiz III (March 5, 2002)	15%
Assignments	15%
Final Exam (April 23, 2002)	40%

The FINAL EXAM is at 7:00 a.m.

Reading List:

Weeks 1 – 2	Introduction, Measurement and Business Cycle Measurement. Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
Week 3	January 22, 2002 QUIZ I.
Weeks 4 – 5	Consumer and Firm Behavior: The work-leisure decision and profit max. A Closed-Economy One-Period Macroeconomic Model. Chapters 4 and 5.
Week 6	February 12, 2002 QUIZ II.
Weeks 7 – 8	A Two-Period Model: The consumption-savings decision and Ricardian Equivalence. A Real Intertemporal Model with Investment. Chapters 6 and 7.
Week 9	March 5, 2002 QUIZ III.
Week 10	March 11 – 16, 2002 SPRING BREAK.
Week 11	Economic Growth. Chapter 8.
Week 12	A Monetary Intertemporal Model: The Neutrality of Money, Long-Run Inflation, and Money Demand. Chapter 9.
Week 13	Keynesian Business Cycle Theory: The Stick 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.