



**College of Business Administration**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Aggregate Economic Conditions & Analysis**  
**O. Mikhail**  
**ECO 6206-0001**  
**Spring 2002**

---

### **Course Outline**

Time : T 18:00-20:45.  
Location : BA 221.  
Office : BA 360.  
Office Hours : T 10:30-12:00 and T 16:00-17:00 .  
Class Web Page  
<http://www.bus.ucf.edu/omikhail/Eco6206/W2002/Eco-6206-W2002.htm>  
E-Mail : omikhail@hotmail.com  
omikhail@bus.ucf.edu

### **Objective**

This is a graduate level class in macroeconomics. We present the theoretical and empirical progress of the “market-clearing approach” to study the behavior of overall economic activity. In learning, we adopt the “theory confronts data” view to build general equilibrium macroeconomic models based on microeconomic principles. Emphasis is on real-world applications to macroeconomic problems. Also, the class presents theoretical disagreement in macroeconomics by comparing the market-clearing approach to the Keynesian framework. This class provides the student with the necessary ground, framework and tools for policy analysis and to pursue graduate macroeconomic classes. Students are responsible for all materials in the textbook and in the lecture notes.

### **Pre-requisite, E-mail Policy and Class Web Page**

An intermediate level of calculus, algebra and statistics is required. During the first two weeks, an extra session will be held to present the mathematical tools used in the class. During weekdays, I should be able to answer your e-mail within 24 hours. The assignments and the handouts are available at the class web page.

### **Evaluation**

Assignments	25 %	
Mid-Term Exam (March 5, 2002)	25 %	
Final Exam (April 23, 2002)	50 %	The Final Exam starts at 6:00 p.m.

## Required Book(s)

Barro, Robert J. (2000) *Macroeconomics*. Fifth Edition, The MIT Press. ISBN: 0-262-02436-5.

Rush, Mark. (1998) *Study Guide to Macroeconomics*. The MIT Press. ISBN: 0-262-68103-X

## Reading List

Week 1	The Approach to Macroeconomics. Chapter 1.
Week 2	Work Effort, Production and Consumption. Chapter 2.
Week 3	The Behavior with Markets for Commodities and Credit. Chapter 3.
Week 4	The Demand for Money. Chapter 4.
Weeks 5 – 6	The Basic Market-Clearing Model and the Labor Market. Chapters 5 and 6.
Week 7	An Introduction to Inflation and Interest Rates. Chapter 7.
Week 8	Money, Inflation, and Interest Rates in Market-Clearing. Chapter 8.
Weeks 9 – 11	Investment, Real Business Cycle and Unemployment. Chapters 9 and 10.
Week 10	<b>SPRING BREAK</b> March 11 – 16, 2002
Week 11	Economic Growth. Chapter 11.
Weeks 12 – 13	Government Consumption and Public Services. Chapter 12.
Weeks 13 – 15	Taxes, Transfers, and the Public Debt. Chapters 13 and 14.