



Economics 311-003: Intermediate Macroeconomics
Spring 2017 TR 1:30pm – 2:45pm
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Prerequisites: Econ 103 and 104

Overview: This course will help you develop the skills necessary to consistently analyze key macroeconomic phenomena.

Required Textbooks:

N. Gregory Mankiw. (2016), *Macroeconomics*, 9th edition, New York: Macmillan publishers.

Snowdon, B., & Vane, H. R. (2005), *Modern Macroeconomics: Its origins, development and current state*. Cheltenham, UK: E. Elgar.

Grading Structure:

	Exam Date	Grading Weight	
Exam 1	03/02/2017	20%	
Exam 2	04/13/2017	20%	
Final Exam	5/16/2017	30%	
Homework		30%	
A >93% - 70%	B+ 87% - 90%	C+ 77% - 80%	D 60%
A- 90% - 93%	B 83% - 87% B- 80% - 83%	C 73% - 77% C- 70% - 73%	F <60%

Exams:

Exams 1 and 2 will have 20 multiple-choice questions and 3 short response questions. The non-comprehensive final will consist of 40 multiple-choice questions, and 4 short response questions. Homework will vary in structure.

Policies:

Collaboration on homework is permitted. This does not, however, mean you can copy your classmate's answers. Any signs of plagiarism will result in a score of zero and a report to the GMU Honor Committee. Additionally, cheating on exams will also result in a score of zero and a report to the GMU Honor Committee.

Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. Any assignments turned in later than the beginning of the official start time will be deducted 30% of the total possible score for 24 hours. After 24 hours late homework will no longer be accepted.

I will allow for students to make up exams in the case of an emergency. Evidence of an emergency consists of a doctor's note, funeral information, car accident report, etc. I will not tolerate poor excuses and I will not accept an excuse without ample evidence.

I don't mind if you use electronics in class, but be respectful of your classmates. Don't impose negative externalities on the students around you by being noisy, making funny faces, etc.

Attendance will not be formally taken, although it is strongly recommend. If the marginal benefit of attending one class is lower than the opportunity cost, don't come to class.

Students with Disabilities:

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact Disability Services at 993-2474, <http://ods.gmu.edu>. All academic accommodations must be arranged through Disability Services.

Course Outline:

Week	Date	Chapters	Material	Assignments
1	01/24 01/26	Syllabus (M): 1,2	Introduction	Read (M): 1,2 (S): pp 1-21 HWA: none HWD: none
2	01/31 02/2	(M): 1,2 (S): pp 1-21	Real and nominal GDP, GDP deflator, consumer price index, unemployment rate trends	Read (M): 3 (S): pp 21-25 HWA: 1 HWD: none
3	02/7 02/9	(M): 3 (S): pp 21-25	Long run, national income, productivity, output, unemployment	Read (M): 16 (S): none HWA: 2

				HWD: 1
4	02/14 02/16	(M): 16 (S): none	Consumption, consumption function, life cycle hypothesis, permanent income hypothesis, random-walk hypothesis	Read (M): 17 (S): none HWA: 3 HWD: 2
5	02/21 02/23	(M): 17 (S): none	Investment, real interest rate	Read (M): None (S): None HWA: None HWD: 3
6	02/28 03/2	(M): None (S): None	Review Exam 1: 03/02	Read (M): 4 (S): none HWA: none HWD: none
7	03/7 03/9	(M): 4 (S): none	Money demand and supply	Read (M): 5,7 (S): pp 36-54 HWA: 4 HWD: none
8	03/14 03/16	Spring Break		
9	03/21 03/23	(M): 5,7 (S): pp 36-54	Seigniorage, inflation, hyperinflation, interest rates, price levels, unemployment, real wage rigidity, Say's law	Read (M): 7,10 (S): pp 76-82 HWA: 5 HWD: 4
10	03/28 03/30	(M): 7, 10 (S): pp 76-82	Unemployment, business cycles and economic fluctuations, causes and consequences of the Great Depression	Read (M): 10 (S): pp 366-376, 378-396 HWA: 6 HWD: 5
11	04/4 04/6	(M): 10 (S): pp 366-376, 378-396	Business cycles and economic fluctuations, nominal and real rigidities	Read (M): none (S): none

				HWA: none HWD: 6
12	04/11 04/13	(M): none (S): none	Review Exam 2: 04/13	Read (M): 8,9 (S): pp 602-612 HWA: none HWD: none
13	04/18 04/20	(M): 8,9 (S): pp 602-612	Economic growth 1 & 2, Solow growth model	Read (M): 18 (S): pp 192-198 HWA: 7 HWD: none
14	04/25 04/27	(M): 18 (S): pp 192-198	Monetary policy and stabilization	Read (M): 19 (S): pp 518-525 HWA: 8 HWD: 7
15	05/2 05/4	(M): 19 (S): pp 518-525	Government debt and budget deficits	Read (M): None (S): None HWA: none HWD: 8
16	5/16	Final Exam – 1:30-4:15		

Note: this course outline is subject to change

Key

(M): Mankiw's book

(S): Snowden's book

HWD: Homework due

HWA: Homework assigned

TBD: To be determined