University of Colorado
Econ. 201-100
Course Outline

Required:
1. E. Mansfield; Principles of Macroeconomics, 3rd ed. (referred to below as text)
2. R. E. Carson; Macroeconomic Issues Today...

Optional: Samuelson; Economics, 11th ed.

I. Introduction
1. Nature and basic problems of economics
2. Tools of analysis and methodology
3. The basic elements of pricing theory
4. An overview of the history of economic thought

Text: 1,2, Samuelson: 1,2,3 Carson: Part one

II. Institutional aspects of contemporary capitalism
1. "Mixed economy"
2. Business organization
3. Labor and industrial relations
4. Economic role of government

Text: 3,5,7 Samuelson: 6,7,8

III. Measurement of economic activity
1. National income and product
2. Economic welfare

Text: 8 Samuelson: 10

IV. Personal income distribution
1. Incomes and living standards
2. How to measure inequality
3. Trends of inequality
4. Definition of poverty
5. The position of minorities
6. Economics of discrimination

Samuelson: 5,39

V. Unemployment, Inflation, and Business Fluctuations
1. Unemployment: measurement, costs, ...
2. Inflation: measurement, impact, ...
3. Business Fluctuations

Text: 9 Samuelson: 41 Carson: 3,4

VI. Theory of Income Determination
1. Saving, Consumption, and Investment
2. Simple multiplier theory
3. Fiscal policy, inflation, and thriftiness

Text: 10,11,12 Samuelson: 11,12,13

VII. Money and Banking
1. Money and monetarism: supply of and demand for money, value of money, velocity of money, the monetarists, the equation of exchange, the quantity theory of money ...
2. Nature and functioning of modern banking
   - The Federal reserve system
   - Fractional reserve banking
   - How banks can create money
   - Monetary policy

Text: 14,15,16 Samuelson: 15,16,17
VIII. Problems of Economic Stabilization Policy
1. Demand-Pull and Cost-Push Inflation
2. The Phillips curve
3. Price and wage controls
4. Income policies
Text: 18 Samuelson: 19 Carson: 2

XI. International Trade and Finance
1. Specialization and trade: absolute and comparative advantages
2. Tariffs, quotas, and free trade
3. Exchange rates and the balance of payments
Text: 22, 23 Samuelson: 33, 34, 35 Carson: 7

X. The Developing World
1. Characteristics of underdevelopment
2. The need for capital formation
3. The population explosion
4. Balanced vs unbalanced growth
5. Foreign aid
6. A new international economic order?
Text: 24 Samuelson: 39