ECON 3080—Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Required Text: Macroeconomics, N. Gregory Mankiw (1992)

Course Requirements: Three Exams and Final Exam (EXAM DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED) (A 5 page paper can be substituted for one exam). Each of the three exams is worth 20% of the final class grade and the Final exam is worth 40% of the final class grade. If you choose to write a paper, it will be due the last day of class. You must make an appointment to speak to me during office hours concerning the topic of your paper.

Course Participation: No question is stupid nor will any student be penalized for seeking more information. There is a very high positive correlation between exam questions and those that appear at the end of each chapter.

Introduction: Basic vocabulary and concepts will be introduced and discussed. Examples related to real world economic events will be tied to the macroeconomy, its theory and its performance.

*Chapter One—The Science of Macroeconomics
*Chapter Two—The Data of Macroeconomics
*(These two chapters will be briefly discussed in class but you are responsible for the material covered)

Income and Prices: Gross National Product: what is it, why it’s important, and what determines its behavior, will be introduced and described in detail. The function prices play in the economy and why they are important will be introduced and characterized. Each of these chapters build on each other. So the earlier chapters are the foundations for the later chapters.

Chapter Three—National Income: Its Production, Distribution and Allocation
Chapter Six—Inflation
Chapter Eight—Introduction to Economic Fluctuations
Chapter Nine—Aggregate Demand I
Chapter Ten—Aggregate Demand II
Chapter Eleven—Aggregate Supply
*Chapter Twelve—The Macroeconomic Policy Debate
*Chapter Fourteen—The Theory of Real Business Cycles
*(These two chapters will not be covered in class, however, you are responsible for knowing their content)

Open Economy Macroeconomics: These two chapters are probably the most important material covered in the book. These chapters bring together the previous topics we will have covered and place the US economy in its partnership with economies of other nations. We will focus on the inter-relationships between countries and how trade affects global economies and domestic economies.

Chapter Seven—The Open Economy
Chapter Thirteen—The Open Economy in the Short Run
Microeconomic Foundations of Macroeconomics: This last section focuses on the importance of individual components of GNP and how each of these determinants can be explained using basic microeconomic theory.

Chapter Fifteen--Consumption
Chapter Seventeen--Investment
Chapter Eighteen--Money Supply and Money Demand
Chapter Five--Unemployment
Chapter 16--The Two Views of Government Debt