

**ECON 3080-001 INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY**  
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**Text:**

The textbook is Robert J. Barro, *Macroeconomics* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition). The textbook should be considered as supplementary to the lectures. This makes regular attendance particularly important.

**Course Description:**

Throughout the semester, we shall study the fundamental macroeconomic concepts and issues such as inflation, economic growth, unemployment, business cycles and macroeconomic policy. The primary goal of this course is to develop a general analytical framework to understand these concepts and their interplay as the aggregation of individual households' and firms' behaviors. The tentative course plan emphasizes the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic variables and their interactions. This course does not require substantial mathematical knowledge/background, only familiarity with BASIC calculus and algebra concepts is assumed.

Lecture notes will be posted on the class webpage. It is important to come to class prepared, at least with a basic idea about the topics to be covered and review the covered topics after class. You may also find it helpful to form study groups and collaborate with your classmates.

**Grading Policy and Exam Dates:**

There will be two midterms, three assignments, a group presentation project and a final exam. Each midterm will count 25%, each assignment and the group project will count 5%

and the final exam will be worth 30% of the overall grade. First midterm will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> and the second will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The final examination date is to be announced. No make-up exams will be provided.

**Tentative Course Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Basics: The Approach to Macroeconomics Chapters 1,2
January 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Micro Foundations: Household Behavior Chapter 3
January 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Micro Foundations: Money Demand Chapter 4
January 31 <sup>st</sup> -February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Micro Foundations: Market Clearing Chapter 5
February 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	The Labor Market Chapter 6
February 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Inflation and Interest Rates Chapter 7
February 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Investment and Real Business Cycles Chapter 9 <b>Midterm I</b>
February 28 <sup>th</sup> - March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Growth Chapter 11
March 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Unemployment Chapter 10
March 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Government Behavior: Consumption and Public Services Chapter 12
March 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
March 28 <sup>th</sup> - April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Keynesian Theory of Business Fluctuations Chapter 20 <b>Midterm II</b>
April 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	The International Economy: World Markets in Goods and Credit Chapter 15
April 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	The International Economy: Exchange Rates Chapter 16
April 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>th</sup>	Group Presentations
April 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Group Presentations

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