

ECON 3080-100
Intermediate Macroeconomics
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HLMS 267
2:30-4:05pm

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Expectations

This course is intended to give you an in-depth look at topics in macroeconomics. It will provide you with the tools necessary to be able to converse intelligently on current, past and future macroeconomic events and to be able to derive and solve macroeconomic models.

Prerequisites

Economics prerequisites: ECON 1000 or 2020 or equivalent
Math prerequisites: ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1080, 1090 and 1100, or APPM 1350 or equivalent.

Textbook

The textbook for the class will be Charles Jones' *Macroeconomics*. The text is intended to be supplementary to lectures and is required. Additional readings are listed below and web links or full text will be posted on CULearn.

Class Attendance

Attendance at all class meetings is required and roll will be taken. Attendance does not constitute a percentage of your grade, but you must attend at least 80% of class sessions in order to earn a passing grade. Failure to attend at least 80% of classes will result in an automatic F. Participation in class discussions and questions are encouraged.

I do not post or give out my notes. If you miss class, you should be able to get notes from one your classmates.

Grading

As explained above, attendance is required. Failure to attend class equates to a failing grade. Otherwise, your grade will be determined as follows:

Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Homework	15%
Paper/Proposal	20%

Final 25%

Exams

No exams will be given early or dropped. Midterms and exams will be given on the days listed below in the classroom. If you miss a midterm exam, the weight will be transferred to the final. Midterm exams are not cumulative and will focus on the material covered up to that point or between the exams. I will give a list of topics before the midterm that will be covered on the midterms. The final exam is cumulative.

You are responsible for bringing pens/pencils and a calculator to exam. Graphing calculators and cell phone calculators are NOT allowed under any circumstances. I will provide paper for the exams; blue books are not necessary.

Paper/Proposal

Part of your grade for this class will be an individual paper or proposal. The paper should be 4-8 pages in length and will be on a subject in macroeconomics of your choice. I encourage you choose either to give an analysis of a current issue in macroeconomics using the tools and theories we address in class or to create a proposal for a research project on an issue in macroeconomics that interests you. A polished draft of the paper is due Wednesday, June 17 and is worth 30% of the final paper grade. The final paper is due the last week of class. I encourage you to discuss your topic with me before turning in the draft.

Homework

There will be six homework assignments for the class. No late assignments will be accepted and none will be dropped.

Two Article Analyses: Two assignments will be (no more than) one-page analyses of a relevant news article. I will post an article on the website for each assignment. If you wish, you may choose another article so long as it is related to macroeconomic. Article analyses are due at 2:00 pm on the due date on CULearn. If you choose to read an article not provided, please attach a copy of the article with your assignment.

Four Problem Sets: Four assignments will be problem sets applying theory and concepts from the textbook and lecture. They will be posted on the website and will be due in class at the beginning of class.

Tentative Course Outline

Date	Topic	Book Chapter	Due
Monday, June 1	Intro to Macro	Jones 1&2	
Tuesday, June 2	The Long Run	Jones 3	
Wednesday, June 3	The Long Run	Jones 4	
Thursday, June 4	Solow Growth Model	Jones 5	Article Analysis 1
Friday, June 5	Solow Growth Model	Jones 5	Homework 1
Monday, June 8	Romer Model	Jones 6	
Tuesday, June 9	Labor Markets	Jones 7	

Wednesday, June 10	Development		Homework 2
Thursday, June 11	Review Midterm 1		
Friday, June 12	Midterm 1		
Monday, June 15	Inflation	Jones 8	
Tuesday, June 16	The Short Run	Jones 9	
Wednesday, June 17	IS Curve	Jones 10	Paper Draft
Thursday, June 18	MP/LM Curve	Jones 11	
Friday, June 19	Phillips Curve	Jones 11	Article Analysis 2
Monday, June 22	AD-AS Model	Jones 12	
Tuesday, June 23	AD-AS Model	Jones 12	Homework 3
Wednesday, June 24	Review Midterm 2		
Thursday, June 25	Midterm 2		
Friday, June 26	Government	Jones 13	
Monday, June 29	Government	Jones 13	Final Paper
Tuesday, June 30	Trade	Jones 14	
Wednesday, July 1	Exchange Rates	Jones 15	Homework 4
Thursday, July 2	Review		
Friday, July 3	Final Exam		

Office hours

Office hours are for your benefit. They provide an excellent opportunity to get individual or small group help to clarify topics. If you have a conflict and cannot make office hours, please feel free to email me and we will set up another time to meet.

Email

Please be considerate with your use of email. If you email me a question about lectures, exams, or assignments I will most likely encourage you to come talk to me about it during my office hours. If it is not urgent and I feel the whole class can benefit from the answer, I will address it in the following class period or email the entire class a response. I will answer emails between 9am and 7pm and will do my best to return emails within 24 hours. Emails must come from and be returned to university (@colorado.edu) addresses. I reserve the right not to answer emails lacking appropriate salutation, grammar and punctuation.

Students With Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Willard 322, (303) 492-8671.

Religious Observance Policy

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so we can make proper arrangements.

Classroom Behavior Policy

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat all students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which they and their students express opinions. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.

Honor Code

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>.

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The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment (<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination.html>), the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships applies to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>.