

ECON 210D: Intermediate Macroeconomics

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Description

This is an intermediate-level course in modern macroeconomics. We will think about long-run growth, short-run fluctuations, and government policy.

Prerequisites

ECON 205D: Intermediate Microeconomics II

Evaluation

The course will have weekly problem sets (about 11, lowest 2 dropped), two midterm exams (Feb 18 and Mar 25 in class), and one final exam (May 2 from 2 – 5 pm). The course grade is computed according to the formula:

$$\text{course grade} = 0.2 \times \text{PS} + 0.1 \times \min(M1, M2) + 0.3 \times \max(M1, M2) + 0.4 \times F$$

Textbook

There is no required textbook for this course. All the material you will need will be covered in lectures and in handouts.

If you want to buy a textbook to use as a supplementary background reference, one that I like is: Robert J. Barro, *Macroeconomics: A Modern Approach*, Thomson South-Western, 2008. Just be advised that I won't be following it closely.

If you don't buy a textbook, you can use the money to buy cookies to eat while you work on problem sets and study for exams.

Policies

No cheating

No open computers in class

No makeup midterms

No late problem sets

You can work together on problem sets, but everyone needs to submit his or her own individual responses, which are not copy and pasted versions of someone else's responses.

Topics

1. Measurement
2. Growth
 - a. Exogenous growth
 - b. Endogenous growth
3. Fluctuations
 - a. Consumption
 - b. Investment
 - c. Equilibrium
4. Policy
 - a. Fiscal policy
 - b. Monetary policy