

Course Syllabus
Macroeconomic Theory: ECON2202
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Course Overview:

This course provides an introduction to the modern theory and practice of macroeconomics. It covers a variety of the central questions in macroeconomics including: What are the determinants of long-run economic growth? Why do economies regularly experience booms and recessions? Why is there unemployment? What determines the value of money in an economy? The course focuses particular attention on how macroeconomic policy (monetary and fiscal) affects outcomes in these dimensions, and on using the tools of the field to evaluate alternative policy responses to current events.

Prerequisites:

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON1131)
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON1132)
One semester of calculus (MATH1100 or MATH1102)

Required Text:

N. Gregory Mankiw. *Macroeconomics*. Worth Publishers, 9th edition, 2015

Problem Sets and Online Review:

There will be six written problem sets, to be turned in at the beginning of class on the day they are due. You may work in groups, but each student must turn in her or his own *handwritten* work. In weeks when no homework is due, I will post on Canvas a short set of multiple choice questions related to the week’s readings, to be completed *alone*. Your total score on reading quizzes will count as a seventh problem set. Your lowest problem set score will be dropped, so that your homework grade is based on your best six of seven homework scores. I do not accept late work.

Grading:

Your final grade in the course is based an average of your scores, weighted according to the weights below. Letter grades are assigned according to a curve, which typically places the median score in the B range.

Homework	-	15%
Midterm I	-	20%
Midterm II	-	20%
Final Exam	-	35%
Best of (Midterm I, Midterm II, Final)	-	10%

Academic Integrity:

Cheating on any coursework will result in (1) an automatic failure in the course and (2) reporting the incident to the College of Arts and Sciences as required by the University. See www.bc.edu/publications/ucatalog/policy.shtml#integrity for a full discussion of the university’s policies and procedures regarding academic integrity.

Accommodations:

If you are a student with a documented disability seeking reasonable accommodations in this course, please contact Kathy Duggan, (617) 552-8093, dugganka@bc.edu, at the Connors Family Learning Center regarding learning disabilities and ADHD, or Paulette Durrett, (617) 552-3470, paulette.durrett@bc.edu, in the Disability Services Office regarding all other types of disabilities, including temporary disabilities. Advance notice and appropriate documentation are required for accommodations.