SYLLABUS

ECON 3302: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Fall 2015

General Information
Time and Location: M W 1:30-2:50 PM, BUSN-318
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Course Overview
This course deals with macroeconomic theory and its applications. I begin with building the models for short-run and medium-run analysis (IS-LM and AD-AS) and then move on to the long-run (the Solow growth model). Near the end of the course we look at open economy macroeconomics. The main goal of this course is to equip you with the concepts and tools for understanding the macro-economy and the related policy debates. Prerequisite: ECON 2303.

Textbook

Grading
3 homework assignments (5% each),
2 midterm exams (25% each) and 1 final exam (35%).

Assignments
Homework assignments must be submitted at the beginning of the lecture on the due date. No late submissions will be accepted. Your homework can be typed or hand-written, but it must be legible. You can work together, but you must turn in your own homework assignments. Identical or essentially similar assignments will receive a zero grade.

Exams
Midterms: Wednesday, Sep. 23 and Wednesday, Oct. 28, in class.
Final Exam: 4:00-6:45 PM, Wednesday, Dec. 09.
Please let me know ASAP if you have conflicts with any of these dates.
*** All exams are given in the form of computational questions that require you to solve a problem using calculations.
Extra Credit
For each mistake, mathematical or logical, of mine that you point out in class, you will be given an extra 0.5%.

Grading Scale
90+=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 59 and below=F.

Attendance
While I am not going to take attendance, all students are encouraged to attend all class meetings. Each student is personally responsible for learning the material covered during the class period that was missed.

Missed Exams or Assignments
As far as I’m concerned, the ONLY acceptable reasons for missing exams or assignments are medical or family emergencies or athletic or other university-sponsored travel (with a letter from the coach or advisor). In these cases, arranging a make-up exam is possible. Any make-up exams will be given BEFORE the exam is taken by the rest of the class. Exams and assignments missed without prior approval or valid reason (with documentation) will receive a zero.

Academic Integrity
Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person’s as ones’ own. And, collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions.

Academic dishonesty is an assault upon the basic integrity and meaning of a University. Cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities are serious acts which erode the University’s educational and research roles and cheapen the learning experience not only for the perpetrators, but also for the entire community. It is expected that UTEP students will understand and subscribe to the ideal of academic integrity and that they will be willing to bear individual responsibility for their work. Materials (written or otherwise) submitted to fulfill academic requirements must represent a student’s own efforts. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations
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**Disabilities Statement**

I will make any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment, to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Disabled Student Services Office in the East Union Building, Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

**Part I The Short Run**

- Chapter 3 The Goods Market
- Chapter 4 Financial Markets
- Chapter 5 The IS-LM Model
- **Midterm I (Chs. 3-5, Sep. 23, in class)**

**Part II The Medium Run**

- Chapter 6 The Labor Market
- Chapter 7 The AS-AD Model
- Chapter 8 The Phillips Curve
- **Midterm II (Chs. 6-8, Oct. 28, in class)**

**Part III The Long Run**

- Chapter 10 The Facts of Growth
- Chapter 11 Solow Growth Model

**Part IV The Open Economy**

- Chapter 18 Openness in Goods and Financial Markets
- Chapter 19 The Goods Market in an Open Economy
- Chapter 20 Output, the Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate
- **Final Exam (Chs. 10, 11, 18-20, Dec. 09, 4:00-6:45 PM)**