

**ECON 3080-006**  
**Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory**

## Lectures

Attendance will be mandatory for the first three classes. Students may be administratively dropped for non-attendance of the first three classes. From the fourth lecture on, I will occasionally check attendance. It is highly recommended that you attend lectures, since I will not post or distribute my class notes. If you miss some lectures, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to get the notes corresponding to the missed lecture(s).

## Practice Questions

While this is a theory course, understanding all the models we will discuss this semester requires a lot of practice. That's why I will regularly post practice questions that will enhance your understanding. Note that these practice sets are not homework assignments that you have to turn in for a grade (see the next subsection for the grading criteria).

## Grading

| <b>Exam</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Date</b>                       |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Midterm 1   | 25%           | Thursday, February 23             |
| Midterm 2   | 30%           | Thursday, April 13                |
| Final       | 40%           | Thursday, May 11, 1:30pm - 4:00pm |
| Attendance  |               |                                   |



## Course Outline

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Topic</b>   | <b>Chapter(s)</b> |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| 1           | Introduction   | 1-2               |
| 2           | Growth and Production                                      | 3-4               |
| 3           | The Solow Model  | 5                 |
| 4           | The Romer Model  | 6                 |
| 5           | Labor  | 7                 |
| 6           | <b>Midterm 1 – Thursday, February 23 during class time</b> | 1-7               |
| 7           | Inflation  | 8                 |
| 8           | Introduction to the Short Run and the IS Curve             | 9,11              |
| 9           | Monetary Policy and the Phillips Curve                     | 12                |
| 10          | The AS/AD Framework  | 13                |
| 11          | Spring Break – No Classes                                  |                   |
| 12          | Great Recession  | 10,14             |
| 13          | <b>Midterm 2 – Thursday, April 13 during class time</b>    | 8-14              |
| 14          | DSGE Models  | 15                |
| 15          | Government   | 18                |
| 16          | Open Economies   | 19-20             |
| 17          | <b>Final Exam – Thursday, May 11, 1:30pm - 4:00pm</b>      | Cumulative        |

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. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the student code.

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