

# Economics 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

## Spring 2012

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- Text:** Mankiw, N. Gregory, *Macroeconomics*, Worth Publishers
- Course Objective:** The objective of this course is to increase the understanding of the aggregates in the economy: the interaction of output, employment, and inflation with one another and with government monetary and fiscal policies. Specifically, the models and relationships that we study in this course are the same as those used by policy-makers in making decisions that affect us as individuals. If you decide to become a policy-maker, I want you to have the basis for making informed decisions. If (more likely) you don't plan to run for office or become the next Fed governor, I want you to be informed voters. Readings, class lectures, problem sets, and exams will be the tools used to meet these goals.
- Exams:**
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| Exam #1 | Thursday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>  | (25% or 12.5%) |
| Exam #2 | Thursday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> | (25% or 12.5%) |
| Exam #3 | Tuesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>     | (25% or 12.5%) |
| Exam #4 | Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>    | (25% or 12.5%) |
| Final   | Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:30    | (50% or 0%)    |
- If you miss an exam due to a college regulated excused absence, notify me soon as possible and provide documentation. No other reasons for missing an exam will be accepted unless you notify me at least a class before the exam date. An unexcused absence from an exam will result in an exam grade of zero.
- Quizzes:** There may be random quizzes throughout the semester.
- Homework:** Problem Sets will be given and while they will not be collected, it is recommended that you work through them.
- Attendance Policy:** While I do not require attendance, I do expect you to come to class on time and forbid you from leaving early without notifying me in advance.
- Academic Dishonesty:** Any evidence of academic dishonesty may result in your failure of this course. Academic dishonesty includes using exams from previous semesters, working together or copying (or allowing someone else to copy) any work that is turned in for a grade.

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		Intro/Measurement	10-Jan
GDP/Inflation	15-Jan	Unemployment	17-Jan
Business Cycle	22-Jan	Solow Growth	24-Jan
Endogenous Growth	29-Jan	Exam #1	31-Jan
Capital Markets	5-Feb	Money	7-Feb
Banking	12-Feb	The Fed	14-Feb
Monetary Theory	19-Feb	Exam #2	21-Feb
International Finance	26-Feb	Open Economy Model	28-Feb
Short Run Fluctuations	5-Mar	Aggregate Model	7-Mar
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>			
Monetary Policy	19-Mar	Fiscal Policy	21-Mar
Exam #3	26-Mar	<b>EASTER</b>	
IS/LM	2-Apr	Open Economy IS/LM	4-Apr
Rational Expectations	9-Apr	Phillips Curve	11-Apr
Dynamic Macro Models	16-Apr	20th Century Macro History	18-Apr
20th Century Macro History	23-Apr	Exam #4	25-Apr