

Macroeconomics

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Course Overview

This course is an intermediate level introduction to macroeconomics. The goal is to familiarize students with important patterns in macroeconomic data and core macroeconomic theories relating to the economy as a whole. We will analyze both data and models of long-run growth as well as short-run fluctuations.

Textbooks and Readings

- N. Gregory Mankiw *Macroeconomics*, 9th Edition, ISBN: 978-1-4641-8289-1. Because we will follow this book closely, and because you will be taught and tested in English in this course, it is strongly recommended that you get a copy. Other editions or electronic editions are equally good.
- *Western Economics (2nd volume)*, 2nd Edition, ISBN: 978-7-0405-2641-7, Higher Education Press, 2019.

Course Requirements

Attendance (10% of Grade)

Attendance will be collected by the TA for each lecture. Those absent from a lecture must inform the TA of the reason of absence within 24 hours of the lecture and provide valid proof of justification, such as medical records, within a week. Note that by the University's requirements, students absent for more than 6 times without valid reason will be disqualified from taking the final. This policy will be strictly implemented. Students with absence of no more than 6 times will get all 10 points for attendance. There will be **monthly tutorial sessions**, each lasting 1 hour, where the TA will cover a selected set of homework problems and common questions collected beforehand via the course website. Attendance to the tutorial sessions is optional but is highly recommended.

Problem Sets (30% of Grade)

There will be in total four problem sets based on the problems after each chapter in the textbook plus a group project. The problem sets will be made available on the course website. You are allowed to work in groups of no more than 4 students on the problem sets. If you do work in a group, you must list your group members clearly on the first page of your answer sheet. Each student must submit their own unique writeup of the solutions to receive credit. Unless otherwise indicated, problem sets are due at the beginning of class two weeks after they are assigned.

Midterm Examination (30% of Grade)

The mid-term will be a closed-book exam that covers Chapter 1-7. It will be tentatively held in Week 9 at a time and venue that's to be announced later.

Final Examination (30% of Grade)

The final exam will also be closed-book and the content covered is cumulative, meaning it will cover everything we have studied in the course. It will be held in Week 18 at a time and location determined by the XMU Registrar.

Academic Conduct

It is your responsibility to follow the provisions of XMU's academic code of conduct. Cases of suspected academic misconduct will be reported to the School.

Office Hours

We're happy to help, but for non-urgent, individual questions, please come to office hours instead of reaching out right after class. It's the best way to get detailed, efficient answers.

Course Outline

- Introduction to macroeconomics (Chapter 1-2): Week 1-2
- The economy in the long run (Chapter 3-7): Week 3-7
- Long-run economic growth (Chapter 8-9): Week 8-10
- Short-run economic fluctuations (Chapter 10-14): Week 11-16