



MACROECONOMICS

Course code	<i>ECO102</i>
Course title	<i>Macroeconomics</i>
Type of course	<i>Main</i>
Study level	<i>1st</i>
Department	<i>Bachelor studies</i>
Year of study	<i>2nd</i>
Semester	<i>Autumn</i>
ECTS credits	<i>6: 24 hours of lectures, 24 hours of seminars, 96 hours of self-study</i>
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Study form	<i>Full-time</i>
Prerequisites	<i>Microeconomics</i>
Language	<i>English</i>

Annotation

The course covers all basic objectives of macroeconomics. Students will learn about the main economic indicators, goods, financial and labour markets, aggregate demand and supply, economic growth, open economy, financial and monetary policies. Besides theories, various real economic problems in various countries will be discussed and analyzed during the lectures and seminars.

Aim of the course

It is an intermediate level course, designed for students with some basic knowledge in macroeconomics. The main objective is to become familiar with the most relevant theories and to provide some practical skills required to understand the structure of a country. Students will be able to analyze the most important macroeconomic phenomena and the impacts of public policies on the aggregate economy.

Subject Learning Outcome (SLO)	Study methods	Assessment methods
SLO1. Understand the main theories in macroeconomics	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam
SLO2. Analyze and model macroeconomic phenomena	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam, group and individual tasks
SLO3. Evaluate fiscal and monetary policy	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam, group and individual tasks
SLO4. Graphically model macroeconomic situations	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam, group and individual tasks
SLO5. Relate real economic experiences to theory	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam, group and individual tasks
SLO6. Identify economic situations at the national and global level	Lectures, seminars, individual study	Midterm test, final exam, group and individual tasks
SLO7. Develop research skills	Seminars, group and individual study	Group and individual tasks



Teaching and learning methods

The course is organized as a combination of lectures, practical problem solving tasks, individual student and team activities in analyzing various macroeconomic situations of various countries.

Course contents

Week Number	Topics	In-class hours		Readings
		Theory	Practice	
1.	Chapter 1: A tour of the world Chapter 2: A tour of the book	2	2	Ch. 1 & 2
2.	The short run Chapter 3: The goods markets Chapter 4: The financial markets I	2	2	Ch. 3 & 4
3.	Chapter 5: Financial markets: the IS-LM model Chapter 6: Financial markets II	2	2	Ch. 5 & 6
4.	The medium run Chapter 7: The labour market Chapter 8: The Philips curve, the natural rate of unemployment and inflation	2	2	Ch. 7 & 8
5.	Chapter 9: Putting all markets together: from the short to the medium run	2	2	Ch. 9
6.	Review session for midterm exam	2	2	
7.	Midterm exam			
8.	The long run Chapter 10: The facts of growth Chapter 12: Technological progress and growth	2	2	Ch. 10 & 12
9.	Expectations Chapter 16: Expectations, output and policy The open economy Chapter 20: Exchange rate regimes	2	2	Ch. 16 & 20
10.	Back to policy Chapter 21: Should policy makers be restrained? Chapter 22: Fiscal policy: a summing up	2	2	Ch. 21 & 22
11.	Chapter 23: Monetary policy: a summing up Chapter 24: The story of macroeconomics	2	2	Ch. 23 & 24
12.	Review session for final exam	2	2	
	Total Hours:	24	24	

Assessment methods

Type	Self-study hours	Final grade, %
Midterm exam	45	40
Final exam	45	40
In-class contribution	22	20
Total:	112	100



Course requirements

1. **The midterm and final exam** will count for 40% each. The exams may consist of multiple-choice and essay questions that will be based on the material presented in classes, seminars and required readings.
2. **In-class contribution** will count for 20% of the final grade. It includes participation in discussions on the topic of the lecture, participation in a group and individual problem solving task, preparation to discuss examples from current news related to the topic of the class etc. **Therefore, YOU MUST READ RELEVANT CHAPTERS BEFORE COMING TO THE CLASS AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS VARIOUS QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE TOPIC.**
3. **Re-take of the exam.** Students who receive a failing final grade will have the right to re-take the exam. It will count for **80%** of the final grade and will cover content of the entire course.

Required readings

Blanchard, O., Amighini, A. & Giavazzi, F. (2017) *Macroeconomics: A European Perspective*, 3rd Edition. Pearson Education Limited. (20 books available at ISM library and E-book at ISM Library ProQuest). ISBN: 9781292085678 (**the main textbook**)

And

The Economist (available at ISM library)

You may also use the following two books to prepare for lectures and exams:

Blanchard, O. & Johnson, R. (2017) *Macroeconomics: Global Edition*, 7th edition. Pearson Education Limited. (E-book at ISM Library ProQuest).

Blanchard, O. & Johnson, R. (2013) *Macroeconomics: Global Edition*, 6th edition. Pearson Education Limited. (40 books available at ISM library).