ECON 3080-006
Intermediate Macro Theory
Fall 2018 Syllabus

Lecture: T/TH 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. HLMS 267
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Course Content:

In this course, we will expand on topics discussed in principles of macroeconomics using a more
mathematical approach. We will discuss various models for considering important
macroeconomic topics such as unemployment, productivity, and long run growth. We will
additionally discuss short run shocks to the Macro economy and how we might address these
using the IS curve and the AS/AD model.

Prerequisites:

Requires courses of ECON 1078 and 1088 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1300 or equivalent. Models
and problems in this course will require knowledge of calculus. There will not be a formal
review of calculus techniques. Please contact me immediately if you do not have the
prerequisites for this course.

Textbook:

Charles I. Jones (2014). Macroeconomics, W. W. Norton & Company, 3rd Edition. Any edition is
acceptable for use in the course.

Lectures:

I will use lecture time to discuss new material, go over examples, and work through practice
problem sets to prepare for exams. You will be expected to participate by answering questions,
by working in groups, or by working on the chalk board. All material that I discuss in lecture will
be required knowledge for the exams. Please do not use any electronic devices for anything
unrelated to this course. Anyone who is distracting or refuses to participate during lecture will
be asked to leave. I will not distribute my lecture notes or repeat lectures to students who are
unable to attend. It will be your responsibility to obtain notes from your classmates if you need
to make up a lecture.

Exams:
Midterm exams will be held in class during lecture time. There will be three midterms and a
cumulative final exam. Your two highest midterm grades will be worth 30% of your grade each,
and the final exam will be worth 40% of your grade. Your lowest midterm grade is dropped to
account for any reason you might be unable to attend an exam throughout the semester. There
will be no make-up exams. There will be no extra credit.
Midterm 1: Thursday, September 20th
Midterm 2: Thursday, October 18th
Midterm 3: Thursday, November 29th
Final Exam: Sat 792 re
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Email/Office Hours:

Contact me by emailing me or stopping by my office hours. Please allow 24 hours or over the
weekend for an email response. I will be available during my office hours throughout the
semester to discuss any material or concerns you may have regarding this course.

Students with Disabilities
If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a
timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on
documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Center for Community N200, and
http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see guidelines at
http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/go.cgi?select=temporary.html. Disability Services' letters for students
with disabilities indicate legally mandated reasonable accommodations. The syllabus statements and answers to
Frequently Asked Questions can be found at http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices.

Religious Observance Policy
Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly
with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or
required attendance. In this class, if you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so we can
make the proper arrangements. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html.

Classroom Behavior Policy
Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail
to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are
especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, color, culture, religion,
creed, politics, veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, age, disability,
and nationalities. 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. See
policies at:
http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html and at
http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code.

Discrimination and Harassment Policy
The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures, the University of
Colorado Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures, and the University of Colorado Conflict of Interest in Cases of
Amorous Relationships Policy apply to all students, staff, and faculty. Any student, staff, or faculty member who
believes s/he has been the subject of sexual harassment or discrimination or harassment based upon race, color,
national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender
expression or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127,
or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above referencht,ity of

on the Honor Code can be found at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html and at
http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/.