

Economics 362A-01: Macroeconomic Theory

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Department of Economics

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Lecture: MWF 12:00 – 1:00 AA G019

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in ECON 162

Overview: Analysis of the macroeconomic functioning of an open industrialized economy like that of the U.S. Determination of important economic variables such as level and growth rate of GDP, unemployment, inflation and exchange rates. Introduction to Classical and Keynesian schools of economic thought.

Textbook: Macroeconomics, Abel, Bernanke and Croushore, 6th edition, ISBN: 0321451408.

Grading Policy: The course will consist of two midterms (October 14 and November 11), one comprehensive final exam (TBA) and several problem sets. The problem sets will be graded on a pass/fail basis. To pass, you need to *correctly* solve at least 2/3 of the assignment. The course grade will be determined according to the following formula:

Attendance:	10%
Problem sets:	10%
First Midterm:	20%
Second Midterm:	20%
Final:	40%

You can miss 2 classes. If you miss 3 classes or more, the attendance weight in your final grade will be 0%. Note that no late assignments will be accepted. Further, no make-up exams will be given. If you miss a midterm examination for any reason, the weight of that examination will be added to that of the final exam (e.g. missing Midterm I would make the final worth 60% of the course grade).

Students who plan to declare a major in economics should know that you are allowed a maximum of two attempts to earn a grade of C or better in this course. If you do not earn at least a C on your second attempt you will be dropped from the major.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP FINAL EXAMS

ALL make-up final exams in Economics will be given **Friday, December 18 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM**. All officially scheduled final exams are linked from the [BU Brain](#) – check **NOW** for conflicts. If a conflict exists you may request a make-up exam from the instructor of **ANY** of the conflicting courses. If you choose to request a make-up exam for an economics course, a sign-up list to request the make-up exam will be available in class after the add/drop deadline – ask the instructor. Students **MUST** make their request for a make-up exam in economics **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, October 9**.

It is **the student's responsibility** to learn from the instructor if the request has been approved. Only students who are approved may take a make-up final exam. Students who have not requested a make-up exam in an economics course by **October 9** will be required to resolve conflicting exams with the instructor in one of their other courses.

Make-up exams are approved **ONLY** for the following conditions:

- Conflicts with the **OFFICIAL** final exam schedule (e.g. exams at the same time or more than two exams within 24 hours).
- **DOCUMENTED** personal illness or family emergency.