Macroeconomics is concerned with the behavior of the economy as a whole. It is the study of relationships and linkages among economic variables that affect the aggregate level of output, employment, prices and interest rates in all markets. In this course, the complicated details of the macroeconomy will be reduced to a few manageable essentials. These essentials lie in the interactions between three major markets: the goods market, the assets market and the labor market. The goal of this course is to provide students with the theoretical underpinnings and the analytical tools commonly applied in the study of these markets and how they may be utilized to determine the aggregate level of output, employment, prices, interest rates and economic growth. While the course will be theory-based, there will also be various expositions of practical policy matters currently facing the U.S. economy.

Part I. Introduction, Chapter 1
   National Income Accounting, Chapter 2

Part II. Growth, Aggregate Supply and Demand and the New Macroeconomics
   Growth and Accumulation, Chapter 3
   Growth and Policy, Chapter 4
   Aggregate Supply and Demand, Chapter 5
   Aggregate Supply, Wages, Prices and Employment, Chapter 6
   The Tradeoffs between Inflation and Unemployment, Chapter 7

Part III. First Models
   Income and Spending, Chapter 9
   Money, Interest and Income, Chapter 10
   Monetary and Fiscal Policy, Chapter 11
   International Linkages, Chapter 12

Part IV. Behavioral Foundations
   Consumption and Savings, Chapter 13
Grading: The final grade will be a weighted sum of four homework assignments, a midterm exam and a final exam. The weighting is as follows:

- Homework: 20%
- Midterm: 35%
- Final: 45%

Late homework assignments will be accepted for up to two weeks after the due date at a cost to your grade of 5 points per day per assignment.

Exams: There will be two exams, a midterm and a final. The midterm date will likely be the week of March 13th. The date of the final will be announced when available. Students must take the exams on the dates scheduled. Under no circumstances will a makeup exam be given. Any exam that is missed will receive a grade of zero. Both exams will be closed book. The exams will be in short answer and essay format. The final exam will be cumulative.

Notes:
1) The lecture topics will generally follow the assigned chapters in the book. However, not every topic discussed in the lectures can be found in the book. Therefore it is important that students attend each and every lecture.
2) The lectures in this course assume a competency in basic algebra and geometry. For example, students should be comfortable solving simultaneous equations and be comfortable working with graphs.
3) It is important to keep up with domestic and international economic news and data. Students should consider reading on a regular basis, such publications as The Wall Street Journal, the Business section of the New York Times, the Economist magazine and the Financial Times.