

Boston College
Department of Economics
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EC 13208 - Principles of Economics Macro

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Office Hours: MWF 10:00-10: 55 a.m. and by appointment

Class Meetings: MWF at 1:00 p.m.

Place: Campion 200

Required Text:

Either

Paul A. Samuelson and William D. Nordhaus, Economics, McGraw Hill, 16th edition, 1998. Designated below as Hardcover.

or

Paul A Samuelson and William D. Nordhaus Macroeconomics, McGraw-Hill, 16th edition, 1998. Designated below as Softcover.

Attendance:

The Dean of A&S has announced that class attendance is required, and may be taken into account in grading. Published A&S academic regulations indicate that students are expected to attend class regularly, take tests, and submit papers and other works at the times specified in the syllabus. Students absent on the day of a previously announced test are not entitled, as a matter of right, to make up what was missed, and the professor may include as part of the semester's grades, marks for the quality and quantity of students' participation in class.

Course Grades:

Course grades will be based on two examinations taken in course on February 21 and March 28 [30 percent each], and a comprehensive final examination taken during the examination period [40 percent].

Problem Sets:

End of chapter problems will be assigned periodically, collected and reviewed, but not graded. These are optional, but strongly recommended. Work in the problem sets, along with class attendance, will be taken into consideration in borderline cases when computing final grades.

Course Calendar

I Review of Concepts

Hardcover or Softcove, Chs. 1 to 3.

II	<u>Overview of Macroeconomics</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 20; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 4
III	<u>Measuring Economic Activity</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 21; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 5
IV	<u>Consumption and Investment</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 22; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 6
V	<u>Business Cycles and the Theory of Aggregate Demand</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 23; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 7
VI	<u>The Multiplier Model</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 24; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 8
VII	<u>Money and Commercial Banking</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 25; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 9
VIII	<u>Central Banking and Monetary Policy</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 26; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 10
IX	<u>The Process of Economic Growth</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 27; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 11
X	<u>The Challenge of Economic Development</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 28; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 12
XI	<u>Unemployment and the Foundations of Aggregate Supply</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 29; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 13
XII	<u>Ensuring Price Stability</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 30; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 14
XIII	<u>Open-Economy Macroeconomics</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 31; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 15
XIV	<u>The Warring Schools of Macroeconomics</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 32; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 16
XV	<u>Policies for Growth and Stability</u>
	<u>Hardcover</u> , Ch. 33; <u>Softcover</u> , Ch. 17

- XVI International Trade and Exchange Rates
Hardcover, Ch. 34; Softcover, Ch. 18
- XVII Comparative Advantage and Protectionism
Hardcover, Ch. 35; Softcover, Ch. 19
- XVIII Managing the Global Economy
Hardcover, Ch. 36; Softcover, Ch. 20