

BOSTON COLLEGE
Department of Economics

EC 202 01
Macroeconomic Theory
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Syllabus available on the Web:
<http://fmwww.bc.edu/EC/>

Required text: Auerbach and Kotlikoff, *Macroeconomics: An Integrated Approach*
A semester's subscription to the *Wall Street Journal* is highly recommended..

Requirements: grades will be based on:

35% Midterm examination
45% Final examination
20% Graded assignments

Goals and purposes: This course provides the core material of macroeconomics required for economics majors and others interested in economics. Due to time constraints, it will not deal with the banking system or international topics in any great detail.

Policy statement: Absolutely no makeup examinations. Graded assignments will not be accepted after their announced due dates. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the College of Arts and Sciences policy on academic integrity and intellectual honesty.

The class will meet for 27 lectures (including a midterm examination). The final examination will be comprehensive. A tentative outline of topics to be covered is given below. You are expected to have prepared for each lecture prior to the class meeting. Be aware that economics is a mathematical discipline; a good understanding of algebra and graphical analysis will be necessary for success in this course, and an understanding of multivariate calculus will be useful if you have it.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE

| <u>lectures</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Chapters</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1-2 | 3-5 Sep | Intro, 1 |
| 3-5 | 10, 12, 17 Sep | 2 |
| 6-8 | 19, 24, 26 Sep | 3 |
| 9-10 | 1, 3 Oct | 4 |
| 11-12 | 8, 10 Oct | 5 |
| 13-14 | 15, 17 Oct | 7 |
| 15-16 | 22, 24 Oct | 8 |
| 17 | 29 Oct | Midterm exam |
| 18-19 | 31 Oct, 5 Nov | 9 |
| 20-21 | 7, 12 Nov | 10 |
| 22 | 14 Nov | 12 |
| 23-24 | 19, 21 Nov | 14 |
| 25-27 | 25 Nov, 3, 5 Dec | 16, 13 |

Review

10 Dec

(optional)