Macroeconomic Theory: EC 202  
Fall 2012

Time and Place:
Monday and Wednesday  
3:00pm - 4:15pm  
Cushing 335

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Course Overview:
This course provides an introduction to the modern theory and practice of macroeconomics. It covers a variety of classic questions in macroeconomics including: What are the determinants of long-run economic growth? Why do economies regularly experience booms and recessions? Why is there unemployment? What determines the value of money in an economy? The course focuses particular attention on how macroeconomic policy (monetary and fiscal) affects outcomes in these dimensions, and on using the tools of the field to evaluate alternative policy responses to current events.

Prerequisites:
Principles of Microeconomics (EC131)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (EC132)  
One semester of calculus (MT100 or MT102)

Required Text:

Grading:
Problem sets: 20 %  
Midterm Exam: 25%  
Final Exam: 40 %  
Better of (Midterm, Final): 15%

Problem Sets:
There will be 6 problem sets, due at the beginning of class. You may work in groups, but each student must turn in her or his own *handwritten* work. Your lowest problem set score will be dropped, so that your grade is based on your best 5 problem sets scores. I will not accept late homework.