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Econ 214 Macroeconomics
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Spring 2026 Course Syllabus

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Lecture Time:

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- I. Course Description:** This course introduces the modern macroeconomic framework used to analyze output, unemployment, inflation, and economic growth, primarily through the New Keynesian model as presented in Blanchard's *Macroeconomics*. We develop the IS–Phillips Curve–Monetary Policy framework and examine how fiscal and monetary policies affect the economy in the short and medium run.

Macroeconomics being both theoretical and empirical, students will work with current macroeconomic data and learn how formal models are used to interpret real-world developments.

While the course presents the New Keynesian framework as the dominant contemporary approach, it also adopts a critical perspective. Students will evaluate its core assumptions, empirical performance, and policy implications, and discuss its limitations in light of recent economic experiences.

The aim is to train students to think analytically and model-based about macroeconomic issues, using theory as a structured tool rather than as a set of isolated ideas.

- II. Textbook:** Blanchard, *Macroeconomics*, 7/e, Global Edition. Author(s): Blanchard, Olivier. Textbook ISBN13: 9781292160504

Hard-copy + Access Code Link:

<https://www.caglayan.com/urundetay/753621/ISIK-KOD-HE-MyEconLab-Blanchard-Macroeconomics-GE-8e-New-Kod-icinde-e-kitap-e-ISIK1292365534>

- III. Exams and evaluation:** Your grade will be based on a cumulative score calculated as follows:

Participation 10%, Midterm 40%, Final Exam %50.

- IV. Weakly Course Schedule:** The tentative course schedule is outlined below. While the syllabus is not rigid and the pacing may vary across weeks, all planned topics will be covered over the course of the semester.

Introduction

Week 1: Introduction to Macroeconomics

The Short Run

Week 2: The Goods Market

Week 3: Financial Markets I

Week 4: Goods and Financial Markets: The standard IS-LM Model

Week 5: Financial Markets II: The extended IS-LM Model

The Medium Run

Week 6: The Labor Market

Week 7: The Phillips Curve, the Natural Rate of Unemployment, and Inflation

Week 8: Midterm Exam

Week 9: From the Short to the Medium Run: The IS-LM-PC Model

The Long Run

Week 10: The Facts of Growth

Week 11: Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output

Week 12: Technological Progress and Growth

Week 13: Technological Progress: The Short, the Medium, and the Long Run

Alternatives

Week 14: Introduction to Post-Keynesian Macroeconomic Theory I

Week 15: Introduction to Post-Keynesian Macroeconomic Theory II

Week 16: Introduction to Post-Keynesian Macroeconomic Theory III

Week 17: Final Exam