ECON 100B-01: INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS

Course web page: http://people.ucsc.edu/~jsandova/econ100B.htm

1. COURSE OVERVIEW

Economics 100B builds on your knowledge in macroeconomics from the principles courses to broaden and deepen your understanding of modern macroeconomic theory. The course will provide with some important tools, concepts, and techniques to understand the economy and its responses to different policy changes. Students will get exposed to economic modeling and the economic forces driving the economy in the short, medium and long run. We will study the behavior of aggregate economic variables such as output, consumption, investment, inflation, unemployment, trade balance, and exchange rates. We will analyze aggregate demand and supply, money and its role in the economy, and economic growth. There will be a special emphasis on the role of fiscal and monetary policies in the economy. The ultimate goal in this class is that students learn the necessary tools and acquire relevant insights to critically read and discuss current macroeconomic events. Students are encouraged to explore the potential and limitations of macroeconomic theory in dealing with real-world problems.

2. PREREQUISITES

Students are required to have passed Economics 1, 2 and 11A or their equivalents.

3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Textbook: the required textbook for the course is “Macroeconomics,” by Olivier Blanchard, 4th Edition (Prentice-Hall, 2005). This book should be in stock at the Bay Tree Bookstore. Additional class material will be available on the class website throughout the quarter.

Grades will be based on

2 Midterms: 20% each
*Homework and Quizzes: 20%
Final examination (Comprehensive): 40%

*There will be six homework assignments, but your grade will be based on your best five scores of the six. LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE NOT ACCEPTED.

4. TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE
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