Introduction to Macroeconomics
Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Texts: Karl. E. Case and R. C. Fair, Principles of Macroeconomics, Tenth Ed. (“CF” on the assignment list)

Course Goals: This course has four goals:

1) To serve students who are taking economics as part of the process of becoming liberally educated by providing for them an introduction to macroeconomic theory as a framework for social analysis.
2) To provide an introduction to economic concepts useful in analyzing whatever public policy issues students will be faced with as citizens and policy-makers during their lifetimes.
3) To provide a "sampler" for prospective economics majors.
4) To prepare students for advanced-level courses in economics.

These are ambitious goals to set for a ten-week course, but we hope to strike a good balance.

Class Format: The class will be organized in an "interrupted lecture" format. Students are encouraged to ask questions during the class period.

Problem Sets and Examinations: Students may wish to work through the problems given by the text to help clarify the readings. The prefect will go over these problems in prefect sessions. A problem set will be distributed in the class period before a scheduled problem session. Problem sets are not graded, but will be collected at the tests and are a required assignment. There will be two quizzes and two exams. The percentage of the course grade for each is indicated on the syllabus. There will be one 2-page paper on a topic assigned to you. Details about other reading and writing assignments will be given in class. While class participation is not graded, consistently high performance in class will help your grade in borderline cases. There will be no final examination in this course.

Prefect: Elise Gurney

Topics and Assignments:

Students will be expected to have read the assignment before class listed for each class day. I will assume a general understanding of that material and will answer questions and move on to enhance the material. I will usually not explain the text but will make a parallel presentation which will include material not in the book. If you miss class, it is important for you to get the notes from a classmate. It will be very useful to reread the assignment after class to reinforce the material and to see how the text fits with the class presentation. Also highly
recommended is to form a study group with two or three other students to go over the material regularly and to explain it to each other. In this way, you can recognize where you need more study.

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| Wed., April 3| Basic Premises in Economics  
CF, Chs. 1,2 |
| Fri, April 5| Supply and Demand  
CF, Chs. 3.4  
Problem set distributed |
| Mon., April 8| Supply and Demand continued  
Problem Session |
| Wed., April 10| Quiz on Supply and Demand (10%)  
Problem Set Due  
Discussion of the Price System  
Paper Assignment Distributed |
| Fri., April 12| Introduction to Macroeconomics  
CF, Ch. 5 |
| Mon., April 15| The Keynesian Revolution  
Film: John Maynard Keynes: Life, Ideas and Legacy  
Skidelsky, R. Keynes: The Return of the Master, Chs. 3, 4 |
| Wed., April 17| Macroeconomic Goals and Measures  
CF, Chs 6,7 |
| Fri., April 19| Aggregate Expenditure and Equilibrium  
CF, Ch. 8 |
| Mon., April 22| Aggregate Expenditure continued  
First Paper Due (15%) |
| Wed., April 24| Government and Fiscal Policy  
CF, Ch. 9  
Problem set distributed |
| Fri., April 26| No class |
| Mon., April 29| Mid-Term Examination (25%)  
Problem Set Due |
| Wed., May 1| The Money Supply and the Federal Reserve System  
CF, Ch. 10 Monetary Policy |
Fri., May 3  The Money Supply continued
            Review Ch. 10

Mon., May 6  **Mid-Term Break**

Wed., May 8  Money Demand and the Equilibrium Interest Rate
            CF, Ch 11

Fri., May 10 Monetary Policy continued
            Review Ch. 11
            Handout distributed: Agg D-S

Mon., May 13 Aggregate Demand in the Goods and Money Markets
            CF, Ch. 12 (Omit Appendix)

Wed., May 15 Aggregate Supply and the Equilibrium Price Level
            Inflation: A historical look
            CF, Ch. 13

**Thurs, May 16**
**7-8  PM**  Labor Markets and the Phillips Curve
            CF, Ch. 14

**Fri, May 17**  No class

Mon., May 20 Financial Crises, Deficits and Business Cycles
            CF, Ch. 15, 16
            Skidelsky, R. Keynes: Return of the Master, Ch. 1
            Problem Set Distributed

Wed., May 22 Problem Session

Fri., May 24 **Second Quiz (20%)**
            **Problem Set Due**

Mon., May 27 Poverty and Income Inequality
            Readings provided

Wed., May 29 International Trade
            CF., Ch 19

Fri., May 31 Long Run Growth
            CF 17

Mon., June 3 **Second Examination (30%)**

Wed., June 5 Conclusions (and scones!)