

ECON 1210 S02 Intermediate Macroeconomics
Brown University, Department of Economics
Tentative Course Syllabus
Spring 2022

1 Course Information

Instructor: Professor Kellie Forrester

Lecture Times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00-1:50pm ET

Lecture Location: Stephen Robert Hall, 280 Brook 101

2 Instructor Information

Office Hours Times: Monday 3-4pm (Group, Zoom), Tuesday 10am-12pm Individual by appointment (calendar appointment link on Canvas home page), and other times not listed by email appointment

Office Hours Location: Zoom Link: <https://brown.zoom.us/j/91208464538> In-person (by appointment)

Instructor's Email: kellie_forrester@brown.edu

Instructor's Website: <https://sites.google.com/brown.edu/kellie-forrester/home>

3 Teaching Assistants

TA Name	Conference Time	Office Hours	Location
María Medellín Esguerra	Tuesday 3-4 pm	Friday 8-9 am	See Canvas
Aditi Singh	Friday 11 am - 12 pm	Wednesday 11 am -12 pm	See Canvas
Peter Geng	Wednesday 2-3pm	Wednesday 3-4pm	See Canvas
Athina Lorentziadi	Monday 5-6pm	Tuesday 5-6pm	See Canvas
Altan Mitchell	Monday 11am-12pm	Monday 7-8pm	See Canvas
Maria Fernanda Figueiredo Vitule	Thursday 3-4pm	Tuesday 2-3pm	See Canvas
Jacob Lewis	Wednesday 5-6 pm	Thursday 5-6 pm	See Canvas

4 Overview and Objectives

This course offers a comprehensive overview of various topics in macroeconomics such as output, consumption, investment, unemployment, inflation, and economic growth. This course will develop theoretical models used to study the economy over different periods of time, from one or two years to several decades. Students will use theoretical models in combination with graphical and mathematical analysis to examine the impact of shocks and monetary and fiscal policies on the aggregate economy. After taking this course students will be able to apply theoretical models to real world scenarios.

5 Course Materials

Macroeconomics, 8th edition by Olivier Blanchard

Simple calculator for exams and homework

Laptop or tablet to access the course materials on Canvas

6 Time Allocation

Students should be prepared to spend a total of

Class Time: 3 hours per week x 12 weeks = 36 hours

Conference Section: 1 hour per week x 11 weeks = 11 hours

Reading/Reviewing/Studying: 8 hours per week x 13 weeks = 104 hours

Final Exam: 2.5 hours

Final Exam Review: 17 hours

Total: 170.5 hours

7 Problem Sets

Eight problem sets will be completed throughout the semester and will be posted on the Canvas course page under Assignments. They will be **due on Fridays** and posted a week in advance. You may work with others to complete the problem sets, but must turn in your own assignment and list those you work with. You must also show your work for any assignments that require math. It is not sufficient to provide the answers. All problem sets should be uploaded to Canvas by their due date. Please upload only one file. Failing to turn in a problem set will result in a zero for that assignment. Your overall problem set score for the semester will be the average of your top 7 problem set scores. Problem sets may be turned in within 48 hours after the due date for a letter grade deduction for every day after the due date. No problem sets will be accepted after 48 hours. Problem sets will be graded within one week of the due date. Solutions to problem sets will be posted on Monday at 9am once the problem set is no longer available. Conference sections each week (starting in week 3) will focus on problem set preparation.

8 Exams

All exams will be taken in person. There will be two midterms and a final exam. If you are excused from taking either midterm, the percentage value of each exam will be carried over to the final exam. Absences from the final exam will be granted for family and medical emergencies, if and only if the request is accompanied by a letter from the Dean. No alternate arrangements will be made. **You may not work with others.** You may use simple calculators.

Exam Dates:

Midterm 1 3/2/22 (50 minutes, during class)

Midterm 2 4/13/22 12:00pm ET (50 minutes, during class)

Final Exam: 5/20/22 2:00pm ET (2 hours and 30 minutes, finals week)

9 Ethics

Quizzes, midterms, and the final exam must be the result of your own work. Cheating on a midterm or final exam will result in an NC, and a report will be sent to the Dean.

10 Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Brown University is committed to full inclusion of all students. Please inform me early in the term if you may require accommodations or modification of any of course procedures. You may speak with me after class, during office hours, or by appointment. If you need accommodations around online learning or in classroom accommodations, please be sure to reach out to Student Accessibility Services (SAS) for their assistance (seas@brown.edu, 401-863-9588). Students in need of short-term academic advice or support can contact one of the academic deans in the College.s should contact the professor during office hours. Students may also speak with Student and Employee Accessibility Services at 401-863-9588 to discuss the process for requesting accommodations.

11 Grading Policy

Your course grade will be determined by two midterms, a final exam, and problem sets. If you disagree with the grading of an assignment/exam, you may request a review within 7 days after the assignment/exam. The request for re-grade must include a description of what the problem is and why you think the exam should be graded differently. In such cases, the whole exam may be re-graded – not just the question you identified. If you are excused from taking either midterm, the percentage value of each exam will be carried over to the final exam. Absences from the final exam will be granted for family and medical emergencies, if and only if the request is accompanied by a letter from the Dean. No alternate arrangements will be made.

Midterm 1 (27%)
Midterm 2 (27%)
Final Exam (33%)
Problem Sets (13%)

Letter grades will be computed from the final grade earned by each student, using the curve imposed by the Department of Economics:

Top 40% of students: A
Between top 40% and top 80% of students: B
Bottom 20% of students: C

12 Class Recording and Distribution of Course Materials

Lectures and all other course materials (problem sets, exams, solutions, etc.) are copyrighted. Students are prohibited from reproducing, making copies, **photographing, taking a screenshot**, publicly displaying, selling, or otherwise distributing the recordings or transcripts of the materials. The only exception is that students with disabilities may have the right to record for their private use if that method is determined to be a reasonable accommodation by Student Accessibility Services. Disregard of the University's copyright policy and federal copyright law is a Student Code of Conduct violation.

13 Course Feedback

A google form will be open throughout the semester to collect anonymous feedback on many aspects of the course. At any point after the completion of Week 2, you may click on this link to submit feedback. You are not required to provide your name or email address, but may do so if you would like a response or would like me to know you are the person leaving the comment. A mid-semester anonymous survey will also be available on Canvas after the first midterm.

Tentative Course Outline

Week	Day	Date	Topic
Introduction and Review			
Week 1	Wednesday	1/26/22	Syllabus/Intro to Course/Math Review
Week 1	Friday	1/28/22	Introduction to Macroeconomics
Week 2	Monday	1/31/22	Chapter 2
Week 2	Wednesday	2/2/22	Chapter 2
The Short Run			
Week 2	Friday	2/4/22	Chapter 3
Week 3	Monday	2/7/22	Chapter 3 and Chapter 4
Week 3	Wednesday	2/9/22	Chapter 4
Week 3	Friday	2/11/22	Chapter 5
Week 4	Monday	2/14/22	Chapter 5 and Chapter 6
Week 4	Wednesday	2/16/22	Chapter 6
The Medium Run			
Week 4	Friday	2/18/22	Chapter 6
Week 5	Monday	2/21/22	NO CLASS
Week 5	Wednesday	2/23/22	Chapter 7
Week 5	Friday	2/25/22	Chapter 7
Week 6	Monday	2/28/22	Midterm 1 Review
Week 6	Wednesday	3/2/22	Midterm 1 (Chapters 2-6)
Week 6	Friday	3/4/22	Chapter 8
Week 7	Monday	3/7/22	Chapter 8
The Long Run			
Week 7	Wednesday	3/9/22	Chapter 8
Week 7	Friday	3/11/22	Chapter 9
Week 8	Monday	3/14/22	Chapter 9
Week 8	Wednesday	3/16/22	Chapter 9
Week 8	Friday	3/18/22	Chapter 10
Week 9	Monday	3/21/22	Chapter 10
Week 9	Wednesday	3/23/22	Chapter 11
Week 9	Friday	3/25/22	Chapter 11
Week 10	Monday	3/28/22	Spring Break
Week 10	Wednesday	3/30/22	Spring Break
Week 10	Friday	4/1/22	Spring Break
Week 11	Monday	4/4/22	Chapter 11
Extensions			
Week 11	Wednesday	4/6/22	Chapter 12
Week 11	Friday	4/8/22	Chapter 12
Week 12	Monday	4/11/22	Midterm 2 Review
Week 12	Wednesday	4/13/22	Midterm 2 (Chapter 7-11)
Week 12	Friday	4/15/22	Chapter 13
Week 13	Monday	4/18/22	Chapter 14
Week 13	Wednesday	4/20/22	Chapter 14 and 15
Week 13	Friday	4/22/22	Chapter 15
Week 14	Monday	4/25/22	Guest Lecture - Irena Asmundson
Week 14	Wednesday	4/27/22	Final Exam Review
Week 14	Friday	4/29/22	Reading Period (recording of Chapter 16 optional)
Week 15	Monday	5/2/22	Reading Period
Week 15	Wednesday	5/4/22	Reading Period
Week 15	Friday	5/6/22	Reading Period