

School of Economics and Finance

ECON212 MACROECONOMICS: GROWTH, STABILITY AND CRISES

Trimester One 2010

COURSE OUTLINE

Names and Contact Details

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Trimester Dates

Teaching:	Monday 1 March to Friday 4 June 2010
Examinations:	Tuesday 8 June to Wednesday 30 June 2010

Class Times and Room Numbers

Lectures Monday, Thursday 1.40pm RH LT1

Tutorials There are eight weeks in which students are expected to attend one tutorial, beginning in the third week of the course. The procedure for allocation to tutorial groups is explained on Blackboard. Details of the allocation of tutorial groups will be placed on Blackboard. Tutorial assignments will be available on Blackboard.

Withdrawal Dates

www.vuw.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- understand the nature of dynamic macroeconomic processes
- apply dynamic macroeconomic theory to current and recent crises
- understand theories of economic growth
- understand theories of the business cycle
- understand the international transmission of growth and crises
- analyse significant economic crises in the 20th and 21st centuries, including the Great Depression (1930s) and the Asian Financial Crisis (1997)
- analyse significant transnational developments in the 20th and 21st centuries including the Asian economic miracle and the development of the euro

Course Content

lecture	date	topic	reference	lecturer
1	1 March	Macroeconomic measures	1, 2	JM
2	4 March	Economic Growth	10, 11, 12	
3	8 March			
4	11 March			
5	15 March	Convergence over the long run	pp. 1-22	JS
6	18 March	Technology and growth	pp. 23-61	
7	22 March	Asian miracle	pp 62-88	
8	25 March	African nightmare	pp 89-108	
9	29 March	Exchange rate systems	18 (not UIP), 20.5, 21.2, 21.4, 22, 23	JM
10	1 April			
11	19 April			
12	22 April	Great depression (Gold Standard)	pp 109-25	JS
13	26 April	TEST		
14	29 April	Money and the banking system	4	JM
15	3 May			
16	6 May	Expectations	14.1, 14.4, 15(excl <i>IS-LM</i>), 16	
17	10 May			
18	13 May	Financial liberalisation and crisis	pp 126-37	JS
19	17 May	ERM crisis 1992; Asian economic crisis 1997-98	pp 126-37	
20	20 May	Great depression (USA)	pp 138-50	
21	24 May	EMU	pp 183-205	
22	27 May	Current crisis	pp 151-82	
23	31 May			
24	3 June	Summary, review, conclusions, etc		JM, JS

References for Jerry Mushin's lectures are chapters of Olivier Blanchard, *Macroeconomics* [5th ed], Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009. References for John Singleton's lectures are page numbers in the ECON212 book of reprints.

Expected Workload

In addition to attending two lectures per week and eight tutorials, ECON212 students are expected to write two essays, to read the recommended material, to prepare for tutorial discussions, and to prepare for the test and the examination. The minimum number of hours of study per week, during the fourteen-week course, in addition to attendance at lectures and tutorials, that is necessary will depend on the abilities and study skills of each student, but is unlikely to be less than ten.

Readings

The ECON212 textbook is Olivier Blanchard, *Macroeconomics* [5th ed], Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009. Earlier editions of this book are acceptable. A book of reprinted readings

is available from the Student Notes Service. Details of supplementary reading will be provided during the course.

Materials and Equipment

Non-programmable calculators are permitted in the test and in the examination.

Assessment Requirements

The assessment for ECON212 will be:

Exam [3 hours]	70%	or	100%	(if this leads to a higher grade)
Test [50 minutes]	15%			
Essay 1	7.5%			
Essay 2	7.5%			

The test will be on Monday 3 May 2010. The first essay is due on 29 April. The second essay is due on 27 May. The target length of each essay is 1500 words.

The examination mark will have a weight of 100% if this leads to a higher grade. The requirements for a pass are a minimum examination mark of 40% and a minimum weighted mark of 50%.

Some assignments will be photocopied for quality control purposes

Examinations

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period. The examination for this course will be during the period from 11 June to 30 June 2010.

Penalties

Essays that are submitted late will be awarded a zero mark unless the course co-ordinator has approved an extension in advance. A zero mark will be awarded for plagiarised essays.

Mandatory Course Requirements

Apart from the requirement to achieve a weighted mark of 50% and a minimum exam mark of 40%, or an examination mark of 50%, there are no mandatory requirements for this course.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected at the first class. That person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Communication of Additional Information

Additional information will be placed on Blackboard.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

General University Policies and Statutes

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy/academic.aspx>

Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/Contactus.aspx>

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/mentoring/