

School of Economics and Finance

## **MMPE502 MACROECONOMICS IN CONTEXT**

Trimester 2, 2016

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **Prescription**

Aggregate economic analysis and its implementation in monetary and fiscal policy, using workhorse frameworks such as the AS/AD model and extensions. The course addresses the roles of government and central bank, Keynesian versus neoclassical policy prescriptions and debates in local and global contexts; mechanisms and models of economic stabilisation, growth and development.

#### **Course Learning Objectives**

1. Understand macroeconomic modelling in its different flavours.
2. Analyse short-term economic fluctuations and their explanations based on real and nominal shocks.
3. Evaluate the mechanisms and consequences of monetary and fiscal policy.
4. Appraise macro-economic policy interventions and their efficacy.

#### **Course Content**

The course consists of 12 lectures. Likely topics to be covered:

- History of Macroeconomic Thoughts
- Measurement and Data
- Traditional Keynesian Model
- DSGE Models
- Economic Growth
- Business Cycles
- Asset Pricing
- Monetary and Fiscal Policies
- Banking and Financial Crises
- Input-output analysis

#### **Trimester Dates**

- Teaching Period: Monday 11th July – Friday 14th October
- Study Period: Monday 17th October – Thursday 20th October
- Examination Period: Friday 21st October – Saturday 12th November (inclusive)

#### **Withdrawal from Course**

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016.

2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an '*Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late*' including supporting documentation. The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks or [online](#).

### **Names and Contact Details**

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### **Class Times and Room Numbers**

Thursday 9:30-12:20, RWW128

### **Expected Workload**

Total number of hours of work expected from students is around 200.

### **Assessment**

The Assessment Handbook will apply to all VUW courses: see  
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to  
[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)

Assessment for this course:

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| 1. Assignment #1 | 20% |
| 2. Midterm test  | 20% |
| 3. Assignment #2 | 20% |
| 4. Final Exam    | 40% |

I expect that students will attend all sessions and participate in class discussions. At the margin, consideration will be given to your contribution to class discussion and activities.

### **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 final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the following period:

Friday 21st October – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)

### **Penalties**

Late assessment will accrue a penalty of 10% per day for the first three days after the due date. Beyond that they will not be marked, unless the Course Co-ordinator has approved an extension in

advance. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct.

### **Student feedback**

Student feedback on University courses may be found at  
[www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

### **Class Representative**

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made 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**

I will contact you via email through the blackboard system. It is your responsibility to make sure you receive these emails in an up-to-date email address. If you need to contact me, do it exclusively by email (if the VUW email system is down, you can contact me at [noy@hawaii.edu](mailto:noy@hawaii.edu))

### **Link to general information**

For general information about course-related matters, go to  
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vbs/studenthelp/general-course-information>

### **Note to Students**

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and academic audit. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of VBS programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

### **Readings**

Olivier Blanchard and David W. Johnson, *Macroeconomics* (6th edition), Pearson, 2012  
Reading list for each topic will be provided.

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