

**University of Debrecen**  
Faculty of Economics and Business  
**Institute of Economics**  
**Macroeconomics**  
2+2, 5 credit points

**1. TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

The course is aimed at making students familiar with the basic issues of macroeconomics, and make them able to use those fundamental analytical tools which are needed to answer macroeconomic questions. By the end of the course the students have to be able to use a model of a closed economy in analyzing macroeconomic phenomena.

**2. SCHEDULE**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
1	The fundamental questions of macroeconomics  The data of macroeconomics: production and income	Mankiw, pp. 1-15. Kaufman, pp. 1-8. Mankiw, pp. 16-30. Kaufman, pp. 9-18.
2	The data of macroeconomics: inflation and unemployment  The economy in the long run: production and the division of income	Mankiw, pp. 30-43. Kaufman, pp. 19-29. Mankiw, pp. 44-59. Kaufman, pp. 30-45.
3	The economy in the long run: demand and equilibrium on market for goods and services	Mankiw, pp. 59-75. Kaufman, pp. 46-58.
4	Money supply	Mankiw, pp. 76-83, 510-517. Kaufman, pp. 59-64, 357-367.
5	The quantity theory of money, and the Fisher effect  The demand for money, the costs of inflation	Mankiw, pp. 83-94. Kaufman, pp. 64-68. Mankiw, pp. 95-111. Kaufman, pp. 68-79.
6	The natural rate of unemployment: job search  The natural rate of unemployment: real-wage rigidity	Mankiw, pp. 159-165. Kaufman, pp. 111-122. Mankiw, pp. 165-184. Kaufman, pp. 111-122.
7	Introduction to economic fluctuations	Mankiw, pp. 252-277. Kaufman, pp. 159-174.
8	Aggregate demand: the Keynesian Cross and the IS curve  The money market and the LM curve	Mankiw, pp. 278-292. Kaufman, pp. 175-198. Mankiw, pp. 292-298. Kaufman, pp. 199-204.
9	Short-run equilibrium in the IS-LM model	Mankiw, pp. 299-313. Kaufman, pp. 205-220.
10	The IS-LM model as a theory of aggregate demand	Mankiw, pp. 313-328. Kaufman, pp. 220-244.
11	Aggregate supply	Mankiw, pp. 373-380. Kaufman, pp. 267-282.
12	The Phillips curve	Mankiw, pp. 385-400. Kaufman, pp. 282-290.
13	Summary	

### **3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Lectures and seminars are not separated. Class work and attendance are required to get the signature. Students cannot miss more than 2 four-hour classes irrespectively of the reason.

### **4. GRADING**

Written exam which will be evaluated according to the following grading schedule:

0 - 50% – 1

50%+1 point - 63% – 2

64% - 75% – 3

76% - 86% – 4

87% - 100% – 5

### **5. REQUIRED READINGS**

Mankiw, Gregory: Macroeconomics. Sixth Edition. Worth Publisher, New York, 2007.

Kaufman, Roger T.: Student Guide and Workbook for Use with Macroeconomics. Worth Publisher, New York, 2007.

### **6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The required textbooks are available in the library in limited numbers. Notice that not the whole of each book is required to read, only the chapters as indicated in the schedule above.

For the benefit of your fellow classmates and me, please refrain from arriving late to class or leaving early. In addition, please do not disturb the class with pagers, phones, or conversation with your fellow students during class. Needless to say, this is extremely distracting and rude to others and the instructor.

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*For questions concerning the requirements of the course students should consult the Statutes of Examination and Teaching, and the Ethical Code of the University of Debrecen.*