Section 1: Monday / Friday: 8:10 – 9:30am
https://stanford.zoom.us/j/97367208060?pwd=dGdYMkNzVzU2TVdSUzJQbCtzNUFwdez0
Section 2: Monday / Friday: 9:50 – 11:10am
https://stanford.zoom.us/j/95222776315?pwd=NUNxQmhRZWRQQ21PMndJNUtKNjZPUT09
Midterm exam: Take home exam, 2 hour window on Tue 5pm to Wed 5pm April 27-28.
Final exam: Take home exam, available Thur June 3 at 8am, due Wed June 9 at 5pm.

Please read this syllabus carefully before the first class and complete the assigned readings for that class. The syllabus contains essential information about schedules, assignments, exams, and the commitments you make to take this course.

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Canvas: The course syllabus, handouts, supplementary materials, and homework assignments and answers will be posted on Canvas.


Course Reader: There is a digital course reader containing required supplementary readings. All readings are available on Canvas. Links to original sources are also available in the syllabus, but may have restricted access.

Overview: This is a survey course in macroeconomics. This course gives students the background they need to understand the broad movements in the global economy. Key topics include long-run economic growth, technological change, booms and recessions, inflation, interest rates, monetary and fiscal policy, wage inequality, international trade, and exchange rates.
By the end of the course, students should be able to read and understand the discussions of macroeconomic issues in *The Economist*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Economic Report of the President*, or the Congressional Budget Office. The course will be self-contained, so students who have not had any prior exposure to macroeconomics should be able to complete the course successfully.

**Grading:** Grades are determined as follows: 50% based on the final exam, 25% based on the midterm, and 25% for group homework assignments.

The midterm exam is an open-book take-home exam. It is NOT a group assignment, and your work must be entirely your own. The midterm will be posted to Canvas at 5:00 PM PT Tuesday April 27. You will have 2 hours to complete the exam from the time you start it, and you can choose to start it anytime from when the exam is posted until 5:00 PM PT on Wednesday April 28. If it will help your grade, we will use your final exam score in place of your midterm score in computing your overall grade for the course. However, note that the midterm is easier than the final. That is our goal. We want to reward those who take the midterm seriously.

The final exam is an open-book take-home exam. It is NOT a group assignment, and your work must be entirely your own. The final will be posted to Canvas at 8am on Thursday, June 3. The exam will be due no later than Wednesday, June 9 at 5:00pm. We expect the final exam to take 4–6 hours to complete, depending on your preparation. You must submit your final exam online using Canvas before the deadline. Midterm and Final Exam dates and times cannot be changed, and no exceptions will be made.

Any re-grade requests must be made within 5 days after we return the exam to you. The request MUST be done in writing and returned to the instructor with the entire exam. The request should include a description of the problem and why you think the exam should be graded differently. In such cases, we will re-grade the entire exam — not just the question you identified.

At times, we may “cold call,” asking questions on readings for a class session. The cold calls create an incentive for everyone to be well prepared for class, leading to a much more stimulating class discussion. We will use a three grade system for participation (below standards for the class, at standards for the class, and well above the standard for the class); students will be notified if and when they fall into the first category. We will not always cover all material in the assigned chapters and readings in class but will expect you to have done the reading. We understand class participation will be difficult this year given the online class format.

No one is allowed to take the course as an auditor or on a pass/fail basis. Due to the structure of the course, a student will not have a successful learning experience if he or she is not able to put in the required time outside of the classroom doing the readings and assignments. Also, students who are not adequately prepared can slow the class down and take away from the quality of the experience for those students who are prepared.
Course Requirements:

- **Prepare.** Do the assigned readings before the start of class and come to class prepared to discuss them. The readings include chapters from the textbook and short articles in the course reader or handed out in class. You must be prepared to summarize each reading in class if called upon.

- **Attend.** Please attend class in real time if possible. We will make a recording of the class Zoom session available on Canvas for 1 week. We will delete this recording after 1 week. This encourages continual learning and provides a disincentive to wait until the end of the quarter to engage with class material.

We understand some people may need to watch the class recording instead of attending live. We hope most people will still attend live. If you need to miss a live class, please approach the class recording as you would approach the live class. In particular, make sure you have completed all of the readings before watching the recording and try to think critically about questions raised in class — don’t be a passive watcher.

- **Check the web site.** We will use the course web page to let you know about any changes in readings, corrections in the handouts, etc. This is very important: If you do not check the web site regularly, you will miss important information.

- **Be informed.** Students are required to read the business section of a major newspaper — preferably *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, or *The Economist* — in order to stay abreast of developments in the world economy.

- **Turn in group assignments.** Four homework assignments will be posted on Canvas. You are required to turn in answers to all four assignments via Canvas when they are due (see the syllabus below for precise dates and times). *No late assignments will be accepted.* Failure to hand in an assignment will affect your class participation grade. Bound by the honor code, you are not permitted to look at solutions to assignments from previous years. Solutions to the assignments will be posted on Canvas shortly after the deadline. Assignments will be graded on a “check+ (3),” “check (2),” “check- (1),” basis. *We will drop your lowest assignment grade in computing your homework average.*

- **Assignment groups.** You are strongly encouraged to work in groups (containing at most 4 members), and *each group should submit a single PDF solution.* You will form groups in Canvas, and you are welcome to change groups across assignments. Groups may include students from different sections.

- **Take the exams.** Subject to the conditions described above. IMPORTANT: Exams will NOT be group assignments, and your work must be entirely your own.

- **Optional 15-Minute Presentations in Penultimate Class.** Toward the middle of the quarter, we will send out an announcement soliciting proposals for a 15-minute group presentation that will occur in the next-to-last session of our course. We will select FOUR groups to present in each section. These presentations can be on any aspect
of macroeconomics and business that a group finds interesting. The goal is to educate
and inform the rest of the class about a topic of interest. The reward for a presentation
will be up to 5 extra points on the final exam (based in part on the quality of the pre-
sentation and in part on the standard deviation of the test, which is scored out of 120
points) for each group member. Groups must be between two and four students in size.
Course Schedule and Outline

Introduction

April 2: *An Overview of Macroeconomics*
Jones, Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

The Long Run

[Assignment 1 available Friday April 2 at 5pm]

April 5: *Why are some countries richer than others?*
Jones, Chapter 4.

April 9: *Why do economies grow? Inputs?*
Jones, Chapter 5.
“No Need to Dig” *The Economist*, November 2, 2013.

[Assignment 1 due Sunday April 11 at 11:59pm]

April 12: *Accounting for Growth*
Jones, Chapter 6 (Section 5 only).

[Assignment 2 available Wednesday April 14 at 5pm]

April 16: *The Economics of Ideas*
Jones, Chapter 6 (Sections 1 and 2).
April 19: *Innovation and Economic Growth*  
*Jones*, Chapter 6 (Sections 3 through 8).  

[April 21: Announcement and solicitation of Group Project proposals]

April 23: *Globalization and Trade*  
*Jones*, Chapter 19.  

[Assignment 2 due Sunday, April 25 at 11:59pm]

April 26: *The Dismal Science: Unemployment and Inequality*  
*Jones*, Chapter 7.  

April 27–28: ***Midterm Exam*** (2 hour window on Tue 5pm to Wed 5pm)

April 30: *The Dismal Science: Inflation in the Long Run*  
*Jones*, Chapter 8.  
The Short Run

May 3: *Booms, Busts, and the IS Curve*
Jones, Chapters 9, 10, and 11.

[Assignment 3 available Wednesday May 5 at 5pm]

[Group Project Proposals due by Wednesday May 5 at 11:59pm]

May 7: *Monetary Policy and the Phillips Curve*
Jones, Chapter 12. Also, Chapter 14, pp. 393–398.

May 10: *Stabilization Policy & Expectations*
Jones, Chapter 13 (Sections 6 and 7), rest of Chapter 14.

Thursday May 13, Noon–1pm: Guest Speaker: John C. Williams
John Williams is the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and vice-chair of the Federal Open Market Committee. He will be our guest speaker at a special session of our class for all MgtEcon 300 sections from Noon - 1pm on Thursday, May 13. More details to come.

May 14: No class this day. Replaced by the Guest Speaker above.

[Assignment 3 due Sunday May 16 at 11:59pm]

May 17: *The Global Financial Crisis in Light of the Great Depression*

[Assignment 4 available Wednesday May 19 at 5pm]
May 21: *The Fiscal Problem of the 21st Century*

*Jones*, Chapter 18.

Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, “Fix the National Debt” *Please complete this simple exercise before class.*


May 24: *Exchange Rates and the International Financial System*

*Jones*, Chapter 20.

“What the German economic model can teach Emmanuel Macron” *The Economist*, May 27, 2017.


[Assignment 4 due Wednesday May 26 at 11:59pm]

May 28: *Group Presentations*

June 2: *Wrap-Up*

*Jones*, Chapter 21.