# Syllabus

## Course description

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<td>Degree</td>
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| Total lecturing hours | 48 |
| Total lab hours       | -  |
| Total exercise hours  | 36 |
| Attendance            | suggested, but not required                                                     |
| Prerequisites         | not foreseen                                                                    |
| Course page           | [https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/bachelor-economics-politics-ethics](https://www.unibz.it/it/faculties/economics-management/bachelor-economics-politics-ethics) |

## Specific educational objectives

The course refers to the basic educational activities and belongs to the scientific area of Economics.

It is an introductory economics course that presents the principles of macroeconomics. It gives a general overview over economic key concepts on a scientific basis. The course provides a general overview of the main concepts in intermediate macroeconomics. It aims at enabling students to understand the macroeconomy in in the short, medium and long-run, and how it is affected by policy and shocks.

We shall examine the causes and consequences of widely cited economic key variables, such as gross domestic/national product, growth rates, inflation, and so on. In particular, we will analyze the determinants of economic growth and why some nations are so rich whereas others are so poor. Moreover, we will discuss the short-run and long-run effects of different types of economic shocks and policies.

The main educational objective is to provide the students with the analytical tools required to analyze current economic problems and policies.

## Lecturer

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| Office hours                     | 24 hours  
Cockpit – students’ zone – individual timetable 
Webpage: [https://www.unibz.it/en/timetable/?sourceId=unibz&department=26&degree=13182%2C13324](https://www.unibz.it/en/timetable/?sourceId=unibz&department=26&degree=13182%2C13324) |
| Lecturing assistant             | Stefan Gruber  
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| Teaching assistant              | -         |
| Office hours                     | -         |
| List of topics covered          | 1. Introduction to Macroeconomics  
2. Measuring the Macroeconomy  
3. An Overview of Long-Run Growth  
4. A Model of Production  
5. The Solow Growth Model  
6. Growth and Ideas (Romer Model)  
7. Inflation  
8. The Goods Market  
9. Financial Markets  
10. The IS-LM Model  
11. The Supply-Side of the Short-Run Model  
12. The Three-Equation Model and Macroeconomic Policy  
13. Expectations  
14. Markets, Prices, Supply and Demand  
15. Consumption, Saving and Investment  
16. An Equilibrium Real Business Cycle Model  
17. Inflation, Money Growth and Interest Rates  
18. Government Expenditure  
19. Public Debt |
| Teaching format                 | Lectures |
| Learning outcomes               | Knowledge and understanding:  
• Knowledge and understanding of the role of government in the economy  
• Knowledge and understanding of the causes of economic growth  
• Knowledge and understanding of the basics of monetary economics  
• Knowledge and understanding of the basics of fiscal policy and of state budgeting  
Applying knowledge and understanding: |
- Ability to think like an economist, that is, using the economists’ criteria and categories
- Ability to analyze the effects of different economic and fiscal policy choices on the trend of macroeconomic variables
- Making judgments on the basis of appropriate models and tools to analyze specific economic situations and problems.

**Making judgements:**
- Ability to assess economic situations, to relate them to concrete problems, and to develop policy recommendations.

**Communication skills:**
- Ability to present methodology and theory in a consistent way.
- Ability to discuss economic issues.

**Learning skills:**
- Ability to develop learning skills that allow students to continue to study at an intermediate and an advanced level.

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<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Both for attending and non-attending students: 100 % written exam, mainly in the form of multiple choice questions.</th>
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<td><strong>Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks</strong></td>
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| Required readings                 | Charles I. Jones  
Macroeconomics, 4th edition  
W. W. Norton & Company  
Olivier Blanchard  
Macroeconomics, 7th edition  
Pearson  
Wendy Carlin, David Soskice  
Macroeconomics – Institutions, Instability, and the Financial System  
Oxford University Press  
Robert J. Barro, Angus C. Chu, Guido Cozzi  
Intermediate Macroeconomics, 1st edition  
Cengage Learning |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Supplementary readings            | Frederic S. Mishkin  
Macroeconomics, Policy and Practice, 2nd edition  
Pearson |