



COURSE (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course title	Code
Economic Principles II	

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Study cycle	Course type
First (Bachelor's)	Compulsory

Form of implementation	Period of implementation	Language of instruction
Face-to-face	Semester 2	English

Requirements for student	
Prerequisites: Economic Principles I	Additional requirements (if any):

Number of ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact hours	Individual work
15	390	108	282

Purpose of the course and competences developed
The course aims at providing an integrated view of macroeconomics by looking at the macroeconomic problems and macroeconomic policy questions at hand and providing the basic theory as well as its extensions to analyze them.

Learning outcomes (corresponding learning outcomes of the programme)	Teaching methods	Assessment methods
Have acquired knowledge of basic macroeconomic models and methods, be aware of their assumptions and limitations. (1.1, 3.1)	Lectures and lecture notes, tutorials, class-room discussion, CORE quizzes and readings, case-studies	Mid-term exam (40%) Final exam (40%) Home assignment (20%)
Have acquired competence in using and interpreting macroeconomic models. (3.2)	Reading academic literature, tutorials with exercises and problem sets.	
Critically evaluate macroeconomic policy. (3.3)	Reading policy papers and professional press, lectures and tutorials.	
Introduced to the statistics illustrating theoretical concepts in macroeconomic models, relevant data sources and data processing techniques. (3.4)	Home assignment.	
Construct logical and coherent arguments using macroeconomic concepts and develop economic thinking, as well as communicate ideas. (4.2)	Home assignment and presentations in tutorials.	

Course themes	Contact / Individual work: time and assignments								Assignments due date
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Practical classes	Laboratory work	Practice	Contact hours	Individual work	
Subject of Macroeconomics. Macroeconomic Indicators The big questions about the economy. Aims and models of macroeconomics; Aggregate output; Other major macroeconomic variables; The short run, medium run and long run.	6	4					10	30	<i>Blanchard Ch 1 and 2</i>
Economy in the short run: Goods and Financial Markets Demand for goods; Equilibrium output; Role of fiscal policy; High debt; Demand for money; Money supply and monetary policy.	6	2					8	24	<i>Blanchard Ch 3 and 4 CORE Unit 13</i>
Economy in the short run: Fluctuations in Macroeconomic Aggregates. Role of Monetary and Fiscal Policy. Goods market; Financial markets. Policy mix; liquidity trap; Monetary and fiscal policy rules and constraints	4	4					8	12	<i>CORE Unit 14 and 15</i>
Open economy: Exchange rate regimes Openness in goods market; Openness in financial market Open economy: Economic policy in an open economy	8	4					12	24	<i>Blanchard Ch 16 Home assignment 1</i>
Economy in the medium run: Labor market Wage determination; Price determination; Natural rate of unemployment Economy in the medium run. Supply and demand Aggregate supply; Aggregate demand; Equilibrium in the short and in the medium run; The effects of economic policy. Economy in the medium run: Inflation Output, unemployment and inflation; Phillips curve; High inflation	10	6					16	24	<i>Blanchard Ch 6 Mid-term exam</i>
Economy in the long run: economic growth Standard of living; Output and capital; Saving rate; Solow growth model; Technological progress and growth	10	6					16	24	<i>Blanchard Ch 10 CORE Unit 16</i>
Expectations Nominal and real interest rates; Financial markets and expectations; Output and policy	4	2					6	16	<i>Blanchard Ch 14</i>
Economic policy	10	4					14	32	
Macroeconomic policy	8	4					12	24	<i>Home assignment 2</i>

Banks, money, and the credit market	2						2	24	
Economic inequality	2						2	24	<i>CORE Unit 19</i>
Economics of the environment	2						2	24	<i>CORE Unit 20</i>
Total	72	36					108	282	

Assessment strategy	Share in %	Time of assessment	Assessment criteria
Mid-term and final exams	40, 40	Mid and end of the semester (or at the end of each of the two semesters if the course is split into 2 parts)	The final and mid-term exams will consist of both longer open questions in which students have to show their analytical capabilities and of shorter questions simply testing students' knowledge. The final exam will test the material from the whole course.
Home assignments	20	A written analysis of some macroeconomic question	Students will receive homework assignments asking them analytical questions about the material covered in class.

Author	Published in	Title	Issue No. or Volume	Publishing house or Internet site
Required reading				
Lecture notes and slides as well as online resources will be made available to all students. Students will be required to read an online book http://www.core-econ.org/the-economy/ and register online to actively participate in the discussions, online tutorials (practice of quizzes) and analysis of case studies (economists' videos).				
Blanchard, O.	2017	Macroeconomics, Global Edition	Seventh Edition	Pearson Prentice Hall
CORE Team	2017	The Economy: Economics for a Changing World	First Edition	http://www.core-econ.org/
Supplementary reading (text books)				
Blanchard, O. Amighini, A., Giavazzi, F.	2017	Macroeconomics: A European Perspective.	Third Edition	Pearson Education Limited