

Syllabus for ECN/EEC527, Macroeconomic Theory
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Introduction: This course examines aggregate-level economic growth and fluctuations. It emphasizes modern models rooted in microeconomic analysis of intertemporal choice.

Readings: The principal readings will be from David Romer, *Advanced Macroeconomics*, third edition (New York: McGraw-Hall Irwin, 2006).

Evaluation: Course grades will be determined by a midterm exam (22%), a term paper (22%), class participation (12%), and a final exam (44%).

Web page: Some resources useful to students and researchers in macroeconomics are available at <http://www.uri.edu/artsci/ecn/burkett/527s08.htm>. This site will be updated from time to time during the semester.

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Calendar

Listed below are the dates when topics will be first discussed and the date for the midterm exam. Dates for which no topic or exam is listed will be used to discuss extensions and problems, catch up, or review. Readings designated by R are from Romer; those designated by TBA are to be announced later.

Date	Topic or Exam	Reading
Jan. 29	The Solow growth model	R introduction & ch. 1
Feb. 13	Infinite horizon models	R ch. 2A
Feb. 22	Behavioral economics of saving	TBA
Feb. 27	Overlapping generations models	R ch. 2B
Mar. 5	New growth theory: R & D models	R ch. 3A
Mar. 26	Midterm exam	
Mar. 28	Real business cycle theory	R ch. 4
Apr. 9	New Keynesian DSGE models	TBA
Apr. 18	Behavioral economics of fluctuations	TBA