

Advanced Macroeconomics

Economics 520

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Office Hours: M-F 2:00-3:00

Schedule

We will divide the semester into three segments.

1. Economic Growth

What happens if the capital stock grows in the long run?

2. International Monetary Economics

What happens if the capital stock is fixed in the short run?

3. Finish Term Papers

In order that UNC continues its tradition of producing graduates familiar with current issues in economics, especially macroeconomics, the Wall Street Journal is required reading.

This course satisfies the Economics Department capstone course requirement. It requires a term paper, which will very likely be based on international monetary economics or economic growth. Together, these topics provide ample policy issues for term papers.

Prerequisite: Econ 420 Intermediate Macroeconomics.

We will have two midterms and a final exam. Grading is on a total points basis. The term paper is an important element of the course so, if you do not submit the progress reports and the term paper in a timely fashion, you will not receive credit for the course.

Required Reading

The Wall Street Journal.

Charles I. Jones, Introduction to Economic Growth, Third Edition, W.W. Norton & Company, 2002.

Bennet T. McCallum, International Monetary Economics, Oxford University Press, 1995.

The lectures will follow Jones for the first half of the course and McCallum for the second half of the course.

Recommended Reading

David Warsh, Knowledge and the Wealth of Nations, W.W. Norton & Company, 2006.

David S. Landes, The Wealth and Poverty of Nations, W.W. Norton & Company, 2007.