

Econ 820
Advanced Macroeconomics
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Course Goals

Students should reach an understanding of monetary theory, policy and RBC theory substantially deeper than they attained in Econ 720-721.

Text and Frequently Cited References

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- (CW) Walsh, Carl E., *Monetary Theory and Policy, Second Edition*, The MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 2003, Course text
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Resources for Class

We will be doing some “real-time” programming, model simulation, and empirical estimation in class, so you should bring your laptop to class. (If you do not have a laptop, talk to me and we will arrange something.) You have access to the following programs.

1. Matlab
2. Dynare (available for free at <http://www.dynare.org>)
3. Software for empirical estimation (such as Matlab, Stata, Eviews, etc.)

Dates

Final Exam Date set by registrar

Project Due Students who wish to receive a letter grade by the end of the semester should turn in their project paper at the final exam date.

Examinations and Grades

Grades will be based on assignments (67%) and a course project (33%).

Course Project

Students who elect the standard course project will select, with the instructors’ help, several papers in an area of interest to them, write individual summary of each paper and write a ten page overview. The overview should explain the question(s) addressed by the readings, the answers they provide, and unanswered questions worthy of further work. Students may negotiate an alternative project with the instructors. In the past, some students have chosen to reproduce numerical research described in Walsh. Others have written term papers on an issue that they want to explore as a potential thesis topic.

Section 1: Econometric Overview

Difference equations and lag operators, TSA chapters 1 and 2

Stationary ARMA processes and Forecasting, TSA chapter 3

Linear Regression Models, TSA Chapter 8

Vector Time Series, TSA Chapter 10

Vector Autoregression

Atheoretical TSA Chapter 11, sections 11.1 – 11.5

Structural TSA, Chapter 11, section 11.6

Introduction to nonstationary time series, TSA Chapters 15 and 16

Cointegration, TSA Chapter 19

Section 2: Applications

Presentation: Estimating Causal Effects in Macroeconomics: General Methods and Pitfalls

Ramey, Valerie, “Macroeconomic Shocks and Their Propagation,” *Handbook of Macroeconomics 2016*, sections 1 and 2

Stock, James and Mark Watson, “Factor Models and Structural Vector Autoregressions in Macroeconomics,” *Handbook of Macroeconomics 2016*

Monetary Policy

A. Theoretical Models

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B. Monetary Policy SVAR and Short-Run Restrictions

Does Money Affect Output? A Look at Empirical Evidence

CW, Chapter 1

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Section 3: Solving Models: Dynare and Uhlig Codes

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