Course Objectives:
This course develops a practical framework for measurement and analysis of aggregate macroeconomic variables such as output, employment, inflation and the balance of payments. We will closely examine the relationship between the financial sector and the real economy, and develop models to assess the impact of fiscal and monetary policies. Competing schools of thought regarding business cycles and appropriate economic stabilization & regulatory policies will be evaluated from a current and historical context.

A key objective of this course is to interpret real-world macroeconomic and financial data, and explore how to utilize this information in business planning and investment decisions. As such, we will spend considerable time assessing the ongoing global financial and economic crisis and the surrounding policy debates. We will analyze the appropriate role of government in financial markets and the economy, an issue that has stirred considerable controversy during the current crisis. While our focal point will be the U.S. economy, we will make lots of international comparisons and consider linkages arising from global trade and financial market integration. Ongoing debates surrounding global economic imbalances and policy coordination will be examined from a theoretical and practical standpoint.

Requirements:
Students are required to attend all classes, fulfill reading assignments, and complete homework assignments and exams on schedule. Since the framework of economic analysis developed in this course is cumulative in nature, missing a class can be detrimental.

Grading Procedures:
Course grades will be based on four homework assignments (weighted 50%) and a take-home final exam (weighted 50%). Homework assignments and the final exam will consist of short-essay questions and analytical problems. The questions will involve the application of economic theories and concepts to current events, government policy evaluation, and business decision making. The final exam will be cumulative and will test your broad understanding of applied global macroeconomics.

Textbook and Readings:

Supplementary economic data, articles and references will be distributed in class or posted in SmartSite. It is recommended that students read a daily financial newspaper such as the Financial Times or Wall Street Journal in order to keep up with global economic and financial market developments.
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| 1, 2   | September 25-26 | Introduction to Global Macroeconomics  
                        Measuring the Economy     | Part 1 (1-5)                |
| 3, 4   | October 9-10 | Money, Central Banking, and Credit Markets                             | Part 2 (6-9)                |
| 5, 6   | October 23-24 | Macro Model & Fiscal/Monetary Policy Analysis                          | Part 3 (10-11)              |
| 7, 8   | November 6-7  | Balance of Payments, Exchange Rates,  
                        and International Capital Markets                               | Part 4 (12-14)              |
| 9, 10  | November 20-21 | Anatomy of Financial Crises and Policy Solutions                       | Part 5 (15-17)              |

Homework assignments distributed on 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, each due by the following class  
Final exam distributed on 11/21, due by 12/7