

Course title		Macroeconomics						ECTS code		14.3.EM.PZ.139	
								ECTS credits		9	
Name of unit administrating study		KMakr		Field of study		MSG**		Field of specialisation		IB;	
Teaching staff		Jacek Zaucha, Professor ; Przemysław Kulawczuk, Associate Professor ; Paulina Szulc-Fischer, Msc									
Number of hours											
Lectures	30	Classes	30	Tutorials	0	Laboratory	0	Seminars	0	Language classes	0
Forma aktywności							Year&Type of studies*		1 SS1,		
Hours with the participation of the academic teacher (including office hours, exams, others):						78	Semester:		1,		
Hours without the participation of the academic teacher (student's self-study, homeworks):						147	Type of course:		obligatory		
Total number of hours:						225	Language of instruction:		English		
Teaching form		in-class learning									
Teaching methods		Lectures including multimodal presentations, Activating methods in training classes, Collaborating, group activities, Case studies, Didactic games, Discussion, questioning,									
Prerequisites (required courses and introductory requirements)											
Required courses		No prerequisites									
Introductory requirements		Microeconomcis basic command									
Assessment method, forms and criteria											
Assessment method		Exam									
Assessment criteria		<p>Exam is a multiple choice test. You are given one point for each correct answer. The points are translated into conventional grades using the following algorithm</p> <p>51-60% satisfactory (3)</p> <p>61-70% satisfactory plus (3,5)</p> <p>71-80% good (4)</p> <p>82-90% good plus (4+)</p> <p>91-100% very good (5)</p> <p>During the precept you can earn up to 100 points for the following:</p> <p>40% test</p> <p>30% pp presentation on key macroeconomic issues related to growth</p> <p>30% active participation in debate</p> <p>Rules for grading based on percentage of points earned:</p> <p>51-60% satisfactory (3)</p> <p>61-70% satisfactory plus (3,5)</p> <p>71-80% good (4)</p> <p>81-90% good plus (4+)</p> <p>91-100% very good (5)</p> <p>Rules for grading the test:</p> <p>There are 40 questions. You are given one point for each correct answer .</p> <p>Rules for grading debate:</p> <p>You can receive up to 20 points for the preparation to debate (team work of your group)</p> <p>You can receive up to 10 points for quality of your own interventions during the debate</p> <p>Rules for grading presentation:</p> <p>You can score maximum 30 points. The way of earning points are given in the table below.</p> <p>Content of the presentation</p> <p>0-15</p> <p>Design (visual impression out of the presentation)- communication skills</p> <p>0-5</p> <p>Delivery (group work)</p> <p>0-5</p> <p>Discussion after presentation (attention of the listeners)- skills to activate the others</p> <p>0-5</p>									

Course objectives											
The aim is to equip students with the basic knowledge, skills and key competences in the field of macroeconomics.											
Learning outcomes											
Knowledge	MSG1_W01	Student has fundamental knowledge in the field of economics and its significance in the system of sciences, including related disciplines of science									
	MSG1_W04	Student has an advanced knowledge of different types and essential elements of the structures of economic entities and organisations, and public institutions;									
	MSG1_W06	Student knows and understands the relations between economic entities and public institutions in Poland, EU and USA									
Verification of learning outcomes - Knowledge											
Outcomes	written exam	oral exam	test	essay/paper /portfolio	tasks/ homeworks	individual presentation	group presentation	classroom activities	classroom discussion	individual project	group project
MSG1_W01	X		X						X		
MSG1_W04	X		X						X		
MSG1_W06	X		X				X		X		
Skills	MSG1_U01	Student can correctly interpret and explain economic and social phenomena, analyse their causes, course and connections between these phenomena using the acquired knowledge of economics, finance and international economic relations;									
	MSG1_U03	Student can identify and analyse relations between economic entities and public institutions in the national and international environment; using the acquired theoretical knowledge can critically evaluate these relations and indicate directions for their further development or changes									
	MSG1_U04	Student uses the acquired theoretical knowledge in macroeconomics to analyse and evaluate the operation of economic entities									
	MSG1_U13	Studentcan prepare presentations and oral speeches on selected specific problems concerning macroeconomics									
Verification of learning outcomes - Skills											
Outcomes	written exam	oral exam	test	essay/paper /portfolio	tasks/ homeworks	individual presentation	group presentation	classroom activities	classroom discussion	individual project	group project
MSG1_U01			X						X		
MSG1_U03			X				X		X		
MSG1_U04			X				X		X		
MSG1_U13							X		X		
Attitudes	MSG1_K01	Student is ready to recognise the importance of knowledge in the field of macroeconomics in the process of identifying and solving economic problems and to consult external expertse in case of difficulties in solving them independently									
Verification of learning outcomes - Attitudes											
Outcomes	written exam	oral exam	test	essay/paper /portfolio	tasks/ homeworks	individual presentation	group presentation	classroom activities	classroom discussion	individual project	group project
MSG1_K01							X		X		

Course contents

1. Introduction to macroeconomics

- The essence of the macroeconomics its scope and coverage
- Relations between micro and macroeconomics
- Macroeconomics and economic policy
- Main fields of interest of macroeconomics: unemployment, inflation, economic equilibrium, economic growth,.
- Macroeconomic supply and demand
- How market regulates macro-issues
- The crisis of economic thought. What can be and what cannot be solved by macroeconomics.

2. Circular flow

- Circular flows
- Aggregative demand and supply - AD and SAS curves.
- The equilibrium national income and price levels
- Saving as a leakage from the circular flow, investments as an injection into the circular flow
- Maintaining the equilibrium income level
- Say theorem
- The origin of macroeconomics - Keynesian revolution
- Basic macroeconomics model - classical and Keynesian ones.
- Keynesian objections to the classical theory of interest rates

3. Measurement of the macroeconomy: national income accounts

- Gross National Product
- National Income
- Purchasing Power Parity
- Shortcomings of GNP as an indicator of welfare, level of living and quality of life
- Unemployment rate
- The Consumer Price Index
- Real and nominal GNP

4. Introduction to macroeconomic problems - in touch with real macroeconomy

- Inflation (types and mechanisms)
- Costs and benefits of inflation
- Inflation in Poland 1999-2008 and in other EU countries
- Labour market and its equilibrium
- Unemployment (types and mechanisms)
- Unemployment rate in Poland 1999-2008 and in other EU countries

5. GNP fluctuations

- Business cycles versus growth and development
- Measuring business activity level and general economic activity level (leading economic indicators)
- Morphology of a business cycle
- Business cycles - the historical record
- The cyclical behaviour of economic variables
- Great Depression - why it has happened
- Economic growth in the chosen countries - a dynamic and spatial perspective

6. Keynesian perspective

- Prices and wages adjustments in a short run, wage and price rigidities
- Money illusion
- The total spending approach to income equilibrium, planned investments and savings
- The multiplier and multiplication processes
- Paradox of thrift - why consumption is always welcome, why savings is not a virtue?

7. Keynesian fiscal policy

- Government as an economic agent
- Fiscal policy according the Keynesian model
- Pros and cons of deficit spending
- Fiscal policy in the context of the business cycle
- The budget deficit, national savings and the real interest rate

8. Government spending and its financing

- The government budget some facts and figures
- Government outlays
- Taxes
- Public goods and externalities
- Deficits and Debt
- The burden of the government debt on future generations
- Laffer curve
- Departures from Ricardian equivalence
- Deficit and inflation

9. The meaning and creation of money,

- The meaning of money and its functions
- Barter
- History of money: commodity money, gold standard, fiat money

- Creation of money

10. Monetary policy

- Demand for money
- Money stock
- Banking system
- Control of the money stock by the central bank, monetary policy
- A monetary explanation of inflation and deflation, the equation of exchange

11. Economic impact of fiscal and monetary policies in a short run (SAS-AD)

- Monetary policy from the Keynesian perspective - liquidity trap
- The effect of a change in price level on interest rate
- The effect of a change in price level on real wealth
- The size effect of a change in price level
- Changes in aggregate demand
- Short run aggregate supply
- The real effect of expansionary fiscal and monetary policies

12. Macroeconomic equilibrium

- Classical model of labour market,
- Long-term aggregate supply curve LAS (the full employment line)
- Budgetary policy in the classical model- full crowding out effect
- Monetary policy in the classical model
- Neutrality of money
- Adverse economic shocks.
- Cold turkey versus gradualism
- The importance of credibility

13. Alternative views of the macroeconomy

- The Monetarist view of unemployment and inflation
- The Monetarist view of high interest rate
- The monetarist view of deficits
- The importance of stable rate of monetary growth
- Tax rates and supply side incentives
- The Expectations in Keynesian theory
- Rational expectations
- Consumption and savings the present versus the future,
- The life cycle model,
- Temporary versus permanent shocks

14. Alternative views of the macroeconomic policies

- The Classical school
- The Keynesian School
- The Monetarist School
- The supply side school
- The rational expectations school
- Market-clearing models by Barro with strong microeconomic foundations
- Common ground among theories

Recommended reading lists

Main text book:

Samuelson P.A., W.D Nordhaus, Economics, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, international edition, edition 18, 2005; Chapters 1,2,3,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,,27,31,32,33,34

Mansfield E., Essential macroeconomics, principles, cases, problems, W.W. Norton& Company, 1998, chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,14

McKenzie R.B., Economics, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1986, Chapters: 1,4,5,6,7,8,9, 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,,30,

Additional reading:

Abel A.B., B.S Bernanke., 2005, Macroeconomics, Addison Wesley, Boston, edition V

Barro R., 1997, Macroeconomics, MIT Press, Cambridge MA

Begg D., S. Fischer, R. Dornbusch, 1991, McGraw-Hill Book Company, London

Burda, M., Ch. Wyplosz, 2005, Macroeconomics: a European text, Oxford University Press, Oxford

Zaucha J., 1999, Regional and Local Development in Poland, in: Emil J. Kirchner (ed) "Decentralization and Transition in the Visegrad", MacMillan Press LTD, London

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* SS1- undergraduate studies * SS2 - graduate studies * SDang - doctoral studies

** MSG - International Economic Relations