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**Economics 3040**

**Intermediate Macroeconomics – Reading List and Lecture Outline**

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**1. Aug 29 –** What is Macroeconomics? What Data Do We Use to Study It?

\* Mankiw Chapters 1 and 2

<http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/>

<http://www.economagic.com/>

 - The two sites above are the best aggregator sites for economic data

**2. Sept. 3**  **-** Data continued and National Income Accounting

\* Mankiw Chapter. 2

<http://www.bea.gov/national/> - The BEA’s official site

<http://www.minneapolisfed.org/research/prescott/quant_macro/notes/lecture_1.pdf> Minneapolis Fed’s brief notes on National Income and Product Accts.

**3. Sept. 5 -** National Income Accounting continued

\* Mankiw Chapter 3

**4. Sept. 10** – Money and the Monetary System

\* Mankiw Chapter 4

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/default.htm> - You can find the latest FOMC announcements here

**5. Sept. 12 –** More About Money and Inflation

\* Mankiw Chapter 5

<http://www.tradingeconomics.com/country-list/inflation-rate> International inflation rates

<http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php> - This website is a fun place to look at purchasing power since 1257 AD (for some data)

**6. Sept. 17** – Basic Open Economy Macro

\* Mankiw Chapter 6

**7. Sept. 19**- Unemployment

\* Mankiw Chapter 7

<http://www.bls.gov/> - Bureau of Labor Stats site – Where you find the latest reports

**8. Sept. 24 –** Anatomy of the Business Cycle and Intro to Aggregate Demand & Supply

\* Mankiw Chapter 10

<http://www.conference-board.org/data/bcicountry.cfm?cid=1> - Leading Indicators

**9. Sept. 26 –** Sticky Prices and Using AD-AS to Explain What We See

\* Mankiw Ch. 10

Ball and Mankiw “A Sticky Price Manifesto” NBER WP # 4677, 1996. <http://www.nber.org/papers/w4677>

10. **Oct. 1 –** ISLM #1 – The Keynesian Cross, the IS Curve and the LM Curve

\* Mankiw Chapter 11

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2013/wp1301.pdf> - Blanchard & Leigh’s IMF paper on multipliers

**11. Oct. 3 –** ISLM # 2

\* Mankiw Chapter 12

<http://web.mit.edu/krugman/www/japtrap2.html> Krugman explains Japan’s long stagnation via ISLM

**12. Oct. 8 –** ISLM #3

\* Mankiw Chapter 12

**13. Oct. 10 –** ISLM Model in the Open Economy – The Mundell-Fleming Model

\*Mankiw Ch. 13

<http://www.measuringworth.com/gold/> - The price of gold since the 13th century

**Oct. 15 – NO CLASS**

**14. Oct. 17 –** Open Economy ISLM #2

\* Mankiw Ch. 13

**15. Oct. 22 –** Open Economy ISLM #3

\* Mankiw Chapter 13

**16. Oct. 24 – *PRELIM IN CLASS***

**17. Oct. 29 –** Expectations and the Phillips Curve

\* Mankiw Ch. 14

Gregor Smith “Japan’s Phillips Curve Looks Like Japan” Queen’s University Economics Department Working Paper No. 1083, 2006 <http://qed.econ.queensu.ca/working_papers/papers/qed_wp_1083.pdf>

**18. Oct. 31 -** Summary and Synthesis – “The Mother of All Models”

\* Mankiw Chapter 14 Appendix

**19. Nov. 5 -** Consumer Behavior

\* Mankiw Ch. 16

**20. Nov. 7 –** What Determines Investment?

\* Mankiw Ch. 17

**21. Nov. 12 –** Should We Even Try to Stabilize?

\* Mankiw Ch. 18

Blinder, Alan *Central Banking in Theory and Practice* MIT Press 1998

Solow, R and J Taylor *Inflation, Unemployment and Monetary Policy* MIT Press 1998

**22. Nov. 14** Income Distribution, Facts and Policies

\*[http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPOVERTY/EXTPA/0,,contentMDK:20238991~menuPK:492138~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:430367,00.html](http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPOVERTY/EXTPA/0%2C%2CcontentMDK%3A20238991~menuPK%3A492138~pagePK%3A148956~piPK%3A216618~theSitePK%3A430367%2C00.html) What are Gini coeffs. And Lorenz curves?

\* Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez, "Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-1998," Quarterly Journal of Economics, 118(1), 2003. Updated to 2008 at <http://emlab.berkeley.edu/users/saez>

Stiglitz, J *The Price of Inequality*, Norton 2012

**23. Nov 19 –** Government Debts and Deficits

\* Mankiw Ch. 19

\* Krugman column on the effects of government debt - <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/29/opinion/krugman-cheating-our-children.html?ref=opinion&_r=0>

**24. Nov. 21 –** The Financial System – What it Does and What Happens When it Breaks Down

\* Mankiw Ch. 20

\* “Anatomy of a Typical Crisis” Chapter 2 in Kindleberger and Aliber “Manias Panics and Crashes: A History of Financial Crises, copyright 2005 Wiley.

Krugman and Eggertson, “Debt, Deleveraging and the Liquidity Trap: A Fisher-Minsky-Koo Approach” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 2012, 1469-1513. <https://by2prd0410.outlook.com/owa/WebReadyView.aspx?t=att&id=RgAAAACyOELsfTihRLR1REM7Hk%2bMBwBa9MWd7RXiQarn4ds8iiOBABzNnewMAABNhzM8ejyVT6OvjCjyn6c8AAAJzciAAAAJ&attid0=BAAAAAAA&attcnt=1&pspid=_1377438908073_88494254>

**25. Nov. 26-** Economic Growth, Structural Transformation and the “Stylized Facts”

\* Mankiw Ch. 8

**Nov. 28 - THANKSGIVING**

**26. Dec. 3 –** Economic Growth - Capital Accumulation and Population Growth

**27. Dec. 5 –** Economic Growth – Technology and Policy Implications

\* Mankiw Ch. 8 and 9