

EC201-30 Macroeconomics 2

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Department

Economics

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module provides students with the opportunity to understand the core theoretical models used in macroeconomics, for both closed and open economies, and how to use them to enhance their comprehension of real-world macroeconomic experiences, especially involving macroeconomic policy.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The module typically covers the following topics:

Term 1 - Open Economy Macroeconomics and International Finance: Global imbalances. Current account sustainability. Intertemporal theories of the current account. Terms of trade, tariffs, and the world interest rate. Current account determination in production economies. Uncertainty and the current account. Large open economies. Fiscal deficits and the twin deficits hypothesis. Determinants of the real exchange rate.

Term 2 - Economic Growth, Business Cycles, and Macroeconomic Policy: Growth and production. The Solow growth model. Growth and ideas. Productivity slowdowns. Business cycle facts and Real Business Cycle (RBC) models. Monetary theory. Monetary policy and a Keynesian model. Inflation over the business cycle. Labour markets and unemployment. Unemployment benefits and policy issues.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Subject-specific and Professional Key General Skills:...demonstrate proficiency in study and research skills such as data skills: Use of library and internet as information sources; knowledge of how to locate relevant data, extract appropriate data, analyse and present material.
- Subject-specific and Professional Key General Skills:...demonstrate proficiency in study and research skills such as mathematical/statistical skills: use/application of mathematics and diagrams in economic analysis; understanding of statistical analysis of data.
- Subject-specific and Professional Key General Skills:...demonstrate proficiency in study and research skills such as communicating their knowledge and understanding to others, verbally and in writing.
- Subject Knowledge and Understanding:...demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core theoretical models used in macroeconomics, for both open and closed economies.
- Subject-specific and Professional Key General Skills:...demonstrate proficiency in study and research skills such as reviewing the relevant literature and evidence.
- Subject Knowledge and Understanding:...demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Economic Principles; knowledge and understanding of core concepts and methods in macroeconomics.
- Subject Knowledge and Understanding:...demonstrate knowledge and understanding of real-world macroeconomic experiences, especially those involving macroeconomic policy.
- Subject Knowledge and Understanding:...demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the relationships between different models and how to apply them in the analysis of recent macroeconomic episodes, and policy discussions affecting actual economies.
- Cognitive Skills:...demonstrate capacity of analytical thinking, reasoning and application.
- Cognitive Skills:...demonstrate capacity of critical, creative and strategic thinking.
- Cognitive Skills:...demonstrate capacity of abstraction and problem solving.
- Cognitive Skills:...demonstrate capacity of applying critical analysis to the topics of the module, formulating concepts and hypotheses, and showing how they are tested in relevant literature.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

International

This module analyses open economy macroeconomic issues within the context of global markets.

Subject specific skills

Applied Economics
Economic information
Economic principles
Research and debate
Abstraction
Analysis of institutions
Analytical reasoning
Analytical thinking and communication
Critical thinking
Policy evaluation
Problem solving
Sustainability

Transferable skills

Data-based skills
IT skills
Numeracy and quantitative skills
Information technology
Math, Statistical, data-based research skills
Oral communication
Written communication

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	40 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Seminars	16 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Total	300 hours

Type	Required
Private study	244 hours (81%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

Private study will be required in order to prepare for seminars/classes, to review lecture notes, to prepare for forthcoming assessments, tests, and exams, and to undertake wider reading around the subject.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D6

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Test 1	10%		No
Test 2	10%		No
Centrally-timetabled examination (On-campus)	80%		No

- Students may use a calculator
- Answerbook Green (8 page)

Assessment group R4

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Examination - Resit	100%		No

- Students may use a calculator

Feedback on assessment

The Department of Economics is committed to providing high quality and timely feedback to

students on their assessed work, to enable them to review and continuously improve their work. We are dedicated to ensuring feedback is returned to students within 20 University working days of their assessment deadline. Feedback for assignments is returned either on a standardised assessment feedback cover sheet which gives information both by tick boxes and by free comments or via free text comments on tabula, together with the annotated assignment. For tests and problem sets, students receive solutions as an important form of feedback and their marked assignment, with a breakdown of marks and comments by question and sub-question. Students are informed how to access their feedback, either by collecting from the Undergraduate Office or via tabula. Module leaders often provide generic feedback for the cohort outlining what was done well, less well, and what was expected on the assignment and any other common themes. This feedback also includes a cumulative distribution function with summary statistics so students can review their performance in relation to the cohort. This feedback is in addition to the individual-specific feedback on assessment performance.

[Past exam papers for EC201](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

EC108 or EC107 with a mark of 65% plus guided reading in summer vacation

To take this module, you must have passed:

- Any of
 - [EC107-30 Economics 1](#)
 - [EC108-30 Macroeconomics 1](#)

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- EC310-15 Topics in Development Economics 3
- EC333-15 Topics in Financial Economics: Theories and International Finance
- EC320-15 Economics of Public Policy
- EC339-15 Applied Macroeconomics
- EC312-15 International Economics
- EC343-15 Topics in Applied Economics (3b)
- EC356-15 City, Regions and Economic Policy
- EC346-15 Research Methods in Economics
- EC307-15 Macroeconomic Policy in the EU
- EC331-30 Research in Applied Economics
- EC336-15 International Trade
- EC318-15 Labour Economics
- EC318-15 Labour Economics
- EC313-15 The International Economy in the Twentieth Century

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TECA-L1P5 Postgraduate Taught Economics
- TECA-L1PA Postgraduate Taught Economics (Diploma plus MSc)
 - Year 1 of L1PA Economics (Diploma plus MSc)
 - Year 1 of L1PA Economics (Diploma plus MSc)
- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
 - Year 2 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization