

# Northeastern University Department of Economics

## Syllabus

Macroeconomic Theory  
ECNG120

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### Objectives of the course

Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole. It concerns such issues as growth, employment, income, inflation, and balance of trade. The role of government in the economy, particularly monetary and fiscal policies, is discussed. In addition to our textbook, I expect you to read extensively about current economic events. We will have discussions of current events and everyone is expected to participate. Part of your grade will be based on the quality and quantity of your contribution to class discussion.

### Text

*Advanced Macroeconomics*, by  
David Romer, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2006



<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings: chapters from Romer</b>
<b>Growth theory 1: Solow's model</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Growth theory 2: new growth theories</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Real business cycle theory</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Keynesian theories of fluctuations</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>New Keynesian models</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Consumption</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Inflation and monetary policy</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Fiscal policy</b>	<b>11</b>

## **Grades**

**Grades are determined on the following basis:**

<b>Paper</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Mid-Term</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

