General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAppEcon or MBioBus

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit is designed to provide the postgraduate student with a deeper understanding of how the economy as an aggregate works. In so doing it allows students to understand economic policy and apply it to the specific context of their interest. The unit covers a wide range of models in use to investigate economic issues today. It will discuss how unemployment and underemployment, employment opportunities, business profits and investment returns, and how policy can impact on these socially relevant outcomes. By openly discussing ways governments can use policy to influence key economic areas, including productivity, national output, unemployment, inflation and household debt, students will have the opportunity to critically explore successful and unsuccessful policies, and gain a perspective on important contemporary policy debates.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Explain how macroeconomic concepts can be applied to wider economic problems and issues.
ULO2: Critically evaluate the applicability of economics to the real world challenges.
ULO3: Select, justify and utilise appropriate language and analytical structure to formulate appropriate solutions to complex economic issues.
ULO4: Analyse and frame international and contemporary issues and challenges facing society, business and government.

General Assessment Information
There is no option for completing the assessment tasks after the submission closing time. No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the task prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which an application for Special Consideration is made and approved. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late (for example, 25 hours late in submission – 20% penalty). This penalty does not apply to cases in which an application for special considerations is made and approved. Students who have plagiarised will be awarded a mark of zero, will not be permitted to resubmit, and may be reported to the University Disciplinary Committee for further action.

Assessment Tasks

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Quiz/Test
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Weeks 5 and 10
Weighting: 20%

There will be two online quizzes/tests to assess student knowledge of concepts and their application. The quiz/test will be held in week 5 and week 10.

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appropriate solutions to complex economic issues.

**Assignment**

Assessment Type 1: Problem set  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: Ongoing  
Weighting: 40%

There will be a series of complex problems requiring appropriate solutions that rely on the knowledge and application of theories and concepts.

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**Final Examination**

Assessment Type 1: Examination  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours  
Due: University Examination Period  
Weighting: 40%

A three-hour- online-open-book examination (tight exam), consisting of both multiple choice questions and short answer questions, will be held during the University Examination Period. The examination will be administered online.

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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

**Classes**

This unit provides three hours (fully online) teaching per week using a combination of asynchronous (recorded lectures, slides, discussion forums, etc) and synchronous (Zoom meetings, etc.). Many of the models used in this unit are drawn from the following text - students may find it interesting to have a look at the 4th edition of this text, for which there is also an e-book: Olivier Blanchard & Jeffrey Sheen, Macroeconomics, Pearson, 4th Australasian edition, 2013. (hereafter B&S). Students may also wish to look at the 3rd edition of this text, which covers some additional topics. However neither is mandatory, as the lectures and other materials contain all that is required for successful completion of the unit.

**Technology Used and Required Unit Web Page on iLearn**

Lecture and all teaching material as well as up to date information concerning any aspect of the unit, including any changes to the schedule, will be available to students by logging on to the unit web page at http://ilearn.mq.edu.au. The following information will be available on iLearn: Unit schedule, Announcements, Lecture slides, Lecture videos, Assignments, Results of Assessment tasks, and Other relevant material. You need to regularly check the website and use it as a resource centre to assist with your learning. If you are unable to access the iLearn website because you are not aware of or have forgotten your username and password, please ask for assistance from the IT helpdesk by logging a ticket at any time using the OneHelp link, or by email at help@mq.edu.au. Or you can call direct: +61 2 9850 HELP (4357) or Australian toll-free: 1800 MQ HELP (1800 67 4357). If you are close to the Sydney campus, you can visit the help service desk on the ground floor of Building C5C (17 Wally’s Walk) Room 244. The IT helpdesk will also be able to assist you with using the unit web page. Please remember to log out when you have finished using the unit web page. Failure to do so could result in unauthorised access to your unit web page account.

**Unit Schedule**

Topic 1 Introduction: ** B&S Chs 1, 2 Various statements and speeches on monetary policy in


Topic 9 Expectations: ** B&S Chs 14, 15, 16, 17

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/136130/unit_guide/print 6


Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of
**Unit guide**  ECON6033 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct](https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct)

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- **Getting help with your assignment**
- **Workshops**
- **StudyWise**
- **Academic Integrity Module**

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- **Subject and Research Guides**
- **Ask a Librarian**

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offering/136130/unit_guide/print). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.