

BCIT CURRICULUM – MACROECONOMICS COURSE – Mrs. Dougherty

Ch. 23	<p><b>INTRO TO MACROECONOMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessing the Economy through Real GDP, Unemployment and Inflation</li> <li>▪ The Miracle of Modern Economic Growth</li> <li>▪ Saving, Investment, and Choosing between Present and Future Consumption</li> <li>▪ Effects of Unexpected Changes in Demand with Fixed and Flexible Prices</li> </ul>	Ch. 30	<p><b>FISCAL POLICY, DEFICITS AND DEBT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Defining Fiscal Policy, its Purpose and Limitations</li> <li>▪ The Role of Stabilizers when Moderating Business Cycles</li> <li>▪ Interpreting Fiscal Policy through Cyclically Adjusted Budgets</li> <li>▪ US Public Debt, its size and Consequences</li> </ul>
24	<p><b>MEASURING DOMESTIC OUTPUT AND NATIONAL INCOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Gross Domestic Product and how is it measured?</li> <li>▪ US Domestic Output and the Flows of Expenditures and Income</li> <li>▪ Nominal GDP Versus Real GDP</li> <li>▪ Limitations of GDP</li> </ul>	31	<p><b>MONEY, BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Function of Money &amp; the Components of the US Money Supply</li> <li>▪ Defining the Federal Reserve</li> <li>▪ Functions and Responsibilities of the Federal Reserve</li> <li>▪ Financial Crisis of 2007-08 &amp; the Federal Reserve’s Response</li> </ul>
25	<p><b>ECONOMIC GROWTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investigating the Causes of Economic Growth</li> <li>▪ Defining “Modern Economic Growth”</li> <li>▪ Economic Growth and the Production Possibilities Curve</li> <li>▪ The Rise in the Average Rate of Productivity Growth</li> </ul>	32	<p><b>MONEY CREATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The “Fractional Reserve” Banking System</li> <li>▪ How can a Bank Create Money</li> <li>▪ The Banking System’s Lending Potential</li> </ul>
26	<p><b>BUSINESS CYCLES, UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Defining the Business Cycle and its Primary Phases</li> <li>▪ How are Unemployment and Inflation Measured</li> <li>▪ The Economic Impacts of Unemployment and Inflation</li> </ul>	33	<p><b>INTEREST RATES AND MONETARY POLICY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Equilibrium Interest Rate</li> <li>▪ Goals and Tools of Monetary Policy</li> <li>▪ Connecting Monetary Policy to GDP and the Price Level</li> <li>▪ Flowcharting the Components of Macroeconomic Theory</li> </ul>
27	<p><b>BASIC MACROECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do Changes in Income affect Consumption and Saving</li> <li>▪ Other Factors that can Affect Consumption</li> <li>▪ How do Changes in Real Interest Rates Affect Investment</li> <li>▪ Other Factors that can Affect Investment</li> </ul>	36	<p><b>CURRENT ISSUES IN MACRO THEORY AND POLICY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative Perspectives on the causes of Macroeconomic Instability</li> <li>▪ Is the economy self-correcting?</li> <li>▪ Monetary Versus Discretionary Stabilization Policy</li> </ul>
28	<p><b>THE AGGREGATE EXPECTATIONS MODEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Aggregate Expenditures Model</li> <li>▪ Equilibrium Levels of Output, Income and Employment</li> <li>▪ International Trade and its Effect on US GDP</li> <li>▪ The Public Sector (Govt. Purchases and Taxes) and its Effect on US GDP</li> </ul>	37	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Economic Basis for Trade</li> <li>▪ Supply and Demand Analysis of Exports and Imports</li> <li>▪ Economic Effects of Tariffs and Quotas</li> <li>▪ Multilateral Trade agreements and Free-Trade Zones</li> </ul>
	<p><b>MID-TERM EXAM</b> – Curriculum Review and Assessment</p>	38	<p><b>THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, EXCHANGE RATES AND TRADE DEFICITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Determinants of Exchange Rates</li> <li>▪ Flexible and Fixed Exchange Rates</li> <li>▪ Causes and Consequences of Recent US Trade Deficits</li> </ul>
29	<p><b>AGGREGATE DEMAND AND AGGREGATE SUPPLY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Defining Aggregate Demand and the Factors that Cause it to Shift</li> <li>▪ Defining Aggregate Supply and the Factors that Cause it to Shift</li> <li>▪ Economic Equilibrium between Price Level and Level of real GDP</li> <li>▪ Connecting Changes in Aggregate Demand to Inflation and Recession</li> </ul>		<p><b>FINAL EXAM</b>– Curriculum Review and Assessment</p>