**ECON 3123: INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS**

**Syllabus for Spring 2018**

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. MW

**Friday 141**

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**Office Hours**

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. MW & 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MW  
If the hours established are not convenient, feel free to make an appointment with me for another time or to stop by at another time when I am in the office.

**Textbooks and Other Resources**

The textbook for this course is Olivier Blanchard, *Macroeconomics, 7th edition* (Boston, MA, Pearson Education, 2017). We will be using MyEconLab in the course, so you will need the supplemental package, Pearson eText/Access Card. The sign-up instructions that you need are in a separate document.

**Means of Student Evaluation**

Course grades will be determined by your performance on 10 MyEconLab assignments (1% each), 3 tests (20% each), and a comprehensive final exam (30%). Letter grades for the course will be based on the following scale: A, 90%-100%; B, 80%-89.99%; C, 70%-79.99%; D, 60%-69.99%; F, below 60%. Your course grade will be based only on your performance on the 10 MyEconLab assignments, the 3 tests, and the comprehensive final exam. Individual extra credit assignments will NOT be made.

**Tests**

The first test will be given on January 31; the second, on February 28; and the third, on April 11. The comprehensive final exam will be given at 2:00 p.m. on May 9 (the exam slot assigned for this course).

**Academic Integrity**

All students are required to read and abide by the Code of Student Academic Integrity. Violations of the Code of Student Academic Integrity, including plagiarism, will result in disciplinary action as provided in the Code. Definitions and examples of plagiarism are set forth in the Code. The Code is available from the Dean of Students Office or online at [http://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-407](http://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-407). Please be aware that faculty may ask students to produce identification at examinations and that faculty may require students to demonstrate that assignments completed outside of class are their own work.

**Disability Accommodations**

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from the Office of Disability Services early in the semester. For more information about accommodations, you may contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit the Office of Disability Services itself in Fretwell 230.

**Revision of Syllabus during Semester**

The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the course instructor. Notice of such changes will be by announcement in class and by email.
Attendance
Students are expected to attend every class and remain in class for the duration of the session. Failure to attend class or arriving late may affect your ability to achieve course objectives, which could affect your course grade. An absence—whether excused or unexcused—does not relieve a student of any course requirement. Regular class attendance is a student’s obligation, as is a responsibility for all of the work done during class meetings. If you do have to miss a class, you should NOT ask me to go over with you the lecture material that you missed. It is your responsibility to get this information from one of your classmates.

Instructor Absence or Tardiness
If I am late in arriving to class, you must wait a full 20 minutes after the start of class before you may leave without being counted absent, or you must follow any written instructions that I give you about my expected tardiness.

Computer Use in the Classroom
Students are permitted to use computers during class only for taking notes and for doing other class-related work. Those using computers during class for work that is not related to this class must leave the classroom for the remainder of the class period.

Recording in the Classroom
Electronic video and/or audio recording is not permitted during class unless the student obtains permission from the instructor. If permission is granted, any distribution of the recording is prohibited. Students with specific electronic recording accommodations authorized by the Office of Disability Services do not require instructor permission, but the instructor must be notified of any such accommodation prior to recording. Any distribution of such recordings is prohibited.

Course Withdrawals
The last day to withdraw from courses with grades of W is March 19. Students are expected to complete all courses for which they are registered at the close of the add/drop period. If you are worried about your ability to succeed in this course, then you should talk with me as soon as possible. University policy allows students only a limited number of opportunities to withdraw from courses. It is important for you to understand the financial and academic consequences of course withdrawals. For more information, see the UNC Charlotte policy on withdrawals at https://provost.uncc.edu/policies/withdrawal.

Belk College of Business Diversity Statement
The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.
Outline of Topics and Reading Assignments

I. The Data of Macroeconomics
   Blanchard (2017), Chapter 2

II. The Economy in the Short Run: The Goods Market
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 3

III. The Economy in the Short Run: Financial Markets I
     Blanchard (2017), Chapter 4

IV. The Economy in the Short Run: Goods and Financial Markets – The IS-LM Model
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 5

V. The Economy in the Short Run: Financial Markets II – The Extended IS-LM Model
   Blanchard (2017), Chapter 6

VI. The Economy in the Medium Run: The Labor Market
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 7

VII. The Economy in the Medium Run: The Phillips Curve, the Natural Rate of Unemployment, and Inflation
     Blanchard (2017), Chapter 8

VIII. The Economy in the Medium Run: From the Short Run to the Medium Run – The IS-LM-PC Model
      Blanchard (2017), Chapter 9

IX. The Open Economy: Openness in Goods and Financial Markets
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 17

X. The Open Economy: The Goods Market in an Open Economy
   Blanchard (2017), Chapter 18

XI. The Open Economy: Output, the Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 19

XII. The Economy in the Long Run: The Facts of Growth
     Blanchard (2017), Chapter 10

XIII. The Economy in the Long Run: Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output
      Blanchard (2017), Chapter 11

XIV. The Economy in the Long Run: Technological Progress and Growth
     Blanchard (2017), Chapter 12

XV. The Economy in the Long Run: Technological Progress – The Short Run, the Medium Run, and the Long Run
    Blanchard (2017), Chapter 13