I. Title of Course  : Monetary Theory and Policy

Code and Number  : BADM 6220

Credits  : 3 (Three Credits Hours)

Requisites  : None

Trimester  : _________________________

Office Hours  : _________________________

Instructor  : Dr. Víctor L. Castillo

II. Description: Analysis of the economic interrelations between the monetary supply and demand and the influence of these on the general level of economic activity. Study of the formulation and implementation of today’s monetary policies.

III. Objectives:

At the end of the course the students will have the skills to:

1. Recognize and describe the macroeconomic interrelations of money.
2. Analyze the economic problems according to the theories of money.
3. Study and evaluate economic policy in different situations such as growth or recession.

IV. Outline:

A. Topic: Macroeconomy, Economic Activity and Money

1. Subtopic

   a. General Macroeconomic Theory
   b. Functions of Money
   c. Economic Activity and Money

2. Subtopics

   a. The classical Theory on Money
   b. Keynesian Theory on Money
   c. Foundations of Monetarism
B. Topic: Money and Economic Problems

1. Subtopics
   a. Money Supply and Demand for Money
   b. Money Market

2. Subtopics
   a. Inflation
   b. Recession and Unemployment
   c. Balance of Payments deficits
   d. Devaluation of currencies
   e. Investment and interest rate

C. Topic: Economic Policy

1. Subtopics
   a. Central Banking
   b. Federal Revenue System

2. Subtopics
   a. Tools of Monetary Policy
   b. Fiscal Policy versus Monetary Policy
   c. Expansive and Contraction Policies and Money Supply

3. Subtopics
   a. Debate among Monetarism and Keynesianism

V. Activities:

A. Conferences
B. Research of selected current issues
C. Class Reports on selected topics

VI. Evaluation:

A. Two examination tests
B. One Research Paper

VII. Special Notes:

A. Special Accomodations
Students who require special accommodations must request these services at the beginning of the course as soon as they notice that they need help. Students can access this service with Professor Jose Rodriguez, Coordinator of Students with Special Needs at the Guidance and Counseling Office on the first floor at Metro’s Student Center.

B. Plagiarism

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C. Use of Electronic Devices
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VIII. Educational Resources:


IX. Bibliography:

1. Miller & Van Hoose; Macroeconomics, theories, policies and international applications, South Western, USA, Latest Edition.

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