



Análisis de Coyuntura

Syllabus

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What is this course about?

Business Cycle Economics provides the students with the necessary tools to analyze the main macroeconomic and financial indicators of a given country: supply and demand, labor market, wages and prices, external sector, public sector, monetary economics and the relationship between all of them.

Methodology

Students will create working groups for the whole course. Each group will select a country and will work on it on every lecture. At the end of the semester, students will hand-in a report on the country they have been working on during the whole course.

Each lecture will consist of three different sections. In the first one (30-45 minutes) the Professor will present the main concepts and economic indicators from each chapter. In the second one, students will work in groups to download data and analyze it following the instructions provided by the Professor (60 – 75 minutes). Finally, students will present their main conclusions and shared views on the implemented research.

Grading System

- Individual exam → 50% of final grade.
- Group country analysis report → 30% of final grade.
- Homework and Classwork → 20% of final grade.

Course Outline

Monday		Friday	
Date	2pm to 3.30pm	Date	8am to 9.30am
25-Jan	Welcome and Introduction	29-Jan	Data and Country Analysis
1-Feb	GDP and Growth I	5-Feb	GDP and Growth II
8-Feb	GDP and Growth III	12-Feb	GDP and Growth: Business Cycle
15-Feb	GDP and Growth: Business Cycle	19-Feb	
22-Feb	GDP and Growth: Inflation	26-Feb	Labor Market I
1-Mar	Labor Market II	5-Mar	Financial System I
8-Mar	Financial System II	12-Mar	Public Sector I
15-Mar	Public Sector II	19-Mar	
22-Mar	Public Sector III	26-Mar	External Sector I
29-Mar		2-Apr	
5-Apr		9-Apr	External Sector II
12-Apr	Economic Policy I	16-Apr	Economic Policy II
19-Apr	Country Cases II	23-Apr	Country Cases I
26-Apr	Mock Exam	30-Apr	
3-May		7-May	Q & A
10-May	Exam Period	14-May	Exam Period
17-May	Exam Period	21-May	Exam Period
24-May	Exam Period	28-May	Exam Period

April 26th: Country Report Deadline

Books and Notes

There are several books on business cycle economics. We will not use only one of them. We will read and follow different manuals and research papers. We will build our own textbook throughout the course. I will provide you slides with the main information that you need and documents that develop what is covered in each lecture.

If you need an applied macro book with a good explanation of the concepts that we will cover in this course, I encourage you to purchase / download for free this digital book:

Díaz Gimenez, J.: "Macroeconomics for nearly everyone". 2019. Edit: Javier Díaz Giménez.

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