



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Economics

## Syllabus

### Macroeconomics, Globalization and Economic Growth

<b>Course Code:</b>	NEGA11
<b>Course Title:</b>	Macroeconomics, Globalization and Economic Growth <i>Makroekonomi, globalisering och tillväxt</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements (G1N)

**Major Field of Study:**  
NAA (Economics)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2016-02-29, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

General admission requirements plus either

- field-specific eligibility A4 (upper secondary school level Mathematics 3b or 3c, Civics 1b or 1a1 + 1a2), or
- field-specific eligibility 4 (upper secondary school level English B, Mathematics C, Civics A), with the exception of English B.
- course NEGA10, or equivalent

#### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of macroeconomic relations on the basis of the National Accounts,
- use macroeconomic models for short and long-term development, and use these models to analyse the effects of economic political measures,
- give an account of the main role and function of the money-markets,
- give an account of the means and ends of Swedish monetary policy,
- explain the concepts of unemployment and inflation, and relate them to other macroeconomic contexts
- give an account of factors affecting exchange rates and how the exchange rate can be used as a means to achieve the inflation goals of the Bank of Sweden,
- give an account of the causes and consequences of financial crises in a globalized economy,
- identify factors leading to economic growth and the causes of permanent poverty, and
- analyse the potential of economic growth in welfare in individual countries

#### Content

Macroeconomic theory explains aggregate quantities such as total production and its utilisation, inflation, unemployment, national budget, and balance of trade. Macroeconomic theory also shows

how these quantities relate to one another. The course demonstrates both the possibilities and limits of economic policy. Economic policy is divided into fiscal policy which directly impacts real quantities in the economy, and monetary policy which influences the economy primarily through interest rates and the granting of credit by intermediate financial institutions. The various political monetary instruments of the Bank of Sweden are discussed. Different exchange rate systems are presented, partly according to their construction, and partly in terms of the various prerequisites of economic policy within different exchange rate systems. The causes of problems in the financial sector are discussed and how the problems can spread between countries when the financial system is increasingly globalised. Another area in macroeconomic theory differentiates between long-term growth and short-term fluctuations relating to long-term trends and motivational forces.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on a written exam and a written report, presented at a seminar. The report is in the form of a group project and each group and its members also perform as reviewers of the work of another group.

### **Grades**

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass(G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

### **Quality Assurance**

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

### **Course Certificate**

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

### **Additional information**

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.