Spring 1998 Macroeconomics

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Office Hours: 1:00 - 2:00 Tuesday and Thursday, or by appointment.

Textbook: N.G. Mankiw *Macroeconomics*, 3rd ed., Worth, 1997 (required). The text is available

at the Pitt Book Store. It is also being held on reserve in the Econ/GSPIA library.

Grading: Midterm: 40% (covering Sections I - IV)

Final: 40% (covering Sections I - VII)

Project: 20%

Reading List and Course Outline:

Section I: Introduction and Background Material Texbook Chapters 1 and 2

Ia. Course overview

Ib. Intro. to Economic Thinking: the PPF and S&D modelsIc. Comparative Advantage, Specialization, and Trade

Id. Mathematical, graphical tools

Ie. Stylized facts

If. National Income Accounting

Section II: Overview of the AS - AD Model Ch. 8

IIa. Intro. to AS - AD analysisIIb. AS - AD and the Phillips Curve

Section III: Aggregate Supply

IVa. Modelling production Ch. 3, Sections 1-2 IVb. The short-run labor market and SRAS Ch. 12, Section 1

IVc. The long-run labor market and LRAS

Section IV: Economic Growth Ch. 4

Section V: Aggregate Demand

Va. The IS curve Ch 9, Sect. 1; Ch. 10 Appendix, p. 294-96 Vb. The LM curve Ch 9, Sect. 2; Ch. 10 Appendix, p. 297

Vc. Policy analysis using IS - LM Ch 10

Vd. Deriving AD using IS - LM Ch 10 Appendix, p. 297

Section VI: AS/AD Analysis

VIa. AS - AD and the Phillips Curve Ch 12, Section 2

VIb. Policy analysis using AS - AD Ch 13

Section VII: Open-Economy Macroeconomics Ch. 7