

**Concept and Terminology**

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| <p><b>SL and HL Fiscal Policy</b></p> <p>Recessionary gap/deflationary gap<br/>                 Inflationary gap<br/>                 Government Expenditure                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital expenditures</li> <li>• Current expenditures</li> <li>• Transfer payments</li> </ul>                 Crowding Out<br/>                 Natural Rate of unemployment</p> |  | <p><b>SL and HL Monetary Policy</b></p> <p>Expansionary monetary policy<br/>                 Easy policy<br/>                 Contractionary monetary policy<br/>                 Tight policy<br/>                 Demand for Money<br/>                 Transition Mechanism<br/>                 Commercial banks<br/>                 Central Bank</p> |  |
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| <p><b>HL - Measuring Inflation</b></p> <p>Weighted Price Index<br/>                 Consumer Price Index – CPI<br/>                 Producer Price Index - PPI<br/>                 Price Deflator and Real GDP<br/>                 CPI as a deflator<br/>                 Base period<br/>                 Inflation rate Target</p>  | <p><b>HL – Keynesian</b></p> <p>Philips Curve – Long run and Short run<br/>                 Stagflation and the Phillips curve<br/>                 LRAS – Keynesian vs. Neo<br/>                 Classical approach<br/>                 Actual Output<br/>                 Potential Output<br/>                 The multiplier<br/>                 The multiplier effect<br/>                 Autonomous spending<br/>                 Induced spending<br/>                 Deep Recession<br/>                 NAIRU</p> | <p><b>HL - Taxes</b></p> <p>Marginal tax rate<br/>                 Average tax rate<br/>                 Total Tax<br/>                 Direct tax<br/>                 Indirect tax<br/>                 Regressive tax<br/>                 Progressive tax<br/>                 Proportional tax<br/>                 Allocative efficiency</p>         |  |

**Objectives:**

1. Describe methods of government expenditure and stabilization policy as part of fiscal policy
2. Explain how an inflation rate target is used to design monetary policy by a central bank.
3. Explain how a government can use *monetary policy* to stabilize the economy.
4. Evaluate the effectiveness of using Monetary policy to stabilize the economy.

**HL**

5. Explain how the economy can get “stuck” in a recessionary gap
6. Define and calculate the multiplier and explain the multiplier effect.
7. Identify the relationship between the multiplier and the impact on the business cycle.
8. Explain with reference to the concepts of leakages and injections, the nature and importance of the multiplier.
9. Draw a Keynesian AD/AS diagram to show the impact of the multiplier.
10. Examine the different views of the shape of the aggregate supply curve.

11. Describe the possible tradeoff between the unemployment rate and the inflation rate in the short run as shown in the SR Phillips curve.
12. Explain the shape of the LR Phillips curve and theory of how it is constructed.
13. Analyze the ways that the NAIRU can change.
14. Calculate marginal and average tax rates.
15. Explain the method and limitations of using price indexes to measure inflation.
16. Calculate a weighted price index –

## IA Assessment Process – Commentary #2 Macroeconomics

**Turnitin.com class same as last year – see me if you changed sections.**

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|  | Use school data base to search for and select article and get article approved |
|  | Make planning guide for Commentary   |
|  | Receive feedback on Planning guide from teacher                                |
|  | First draft of commentary and article due to Turnitin.                         |
|  | Receive comments on First draft and revise                                     |
|  | Submit final copy due to Turnitin with changes high lighted.                   |

## Assignments

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| Block B Sunday 8/25<br>Block E/G Monday 8/26 | HW 9.5-1 Monetary policy p. 330-337<br>Explain 2 distinctions between fiscal and monetary policy. (max. 1 paragraph)<br>p. 335 # 1e and f<br>p. 338 # 2  |
| Block B Tuesday 8/27<br>Block E/G Wed 8/28   | Macro article due in class for approval – article must be shown to me in person. I will not accept emailed articles. (in class Podcast)  |
| Block B Tuesday 9/3<br>Block E/G Wed 9/4     | HW 9.5-2 The Multiplier p. 260-263<br>Answer p. 264 Test your understanding<br># 1b an c, 2, and 9   |
| Block B Thursday 9/5<br>Block E/G Sun 8      | Planning guide for Commentary due in class for meeting   |
| Block B Wed 9/11<br>Block E/G Thurs 9/13     | First draft of commentary and article due to Turnitin  |
| Block B Sunday 9/15<br>Block E/G Mon 9/16    | HW 9.5-3 Phillips Curve and ideology debate in box – link to TOK p. 287-291<br>Answer p. 291# 2 and 4 and the last question under thinking points – that starts with “why do many economists...”. (3 questions in total) |
| Block B Thursday 9/19<br>Block E/G Sun 9/20  | HW 9.5-4 Tax Calculations and Allocative efficiency in Society read p. 316-318<br>Answer p. 317 #3 <b>and</b><br>Answer p. 319 #2 – Hard question!   |
| Block B 9/23<br>Block E/G 9/24               | <b>Test</b>  |

**Calculate** – *definition* – Obtain a numerical answer showing the relevant stages in the working.

The Multiplier  
 The Real GDP using a price deflator  
 The Inflation rate  
 Unemployment rate

Economic growth  
 Marginal tax rate  
 Average tax rate

**The Multiplier**

$$\frac{1}{1 - MPC} \text{ or } \frac{1}{MPS + MPT + MPM}$$

$$\frac{1}{MPW \text{ (leakages)}}$$

MPC = Marginal Propensity to Consume  
 MPW = Marginal Propensity to Withdraw  
 MPS+MPT+MPM = the sum of Marginal Propensity to withdraw

MPS = Marginal propensity to save  
 MPT= Marginal rate of tax  
 MPM = Marginal propensity to import

**The Real GDP using a price deflator**

$$\text{GDP Deflator} = \frac{\text{Nominal GDP}}{\text{Real GDP}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Real GDP} = \frac{\text{Nominal GDP}}{\text{Price deflator}}$$

**The Inflation rate**

$$\frac{\text{The change in the price index}}{\text{The index for the previous year}} \times 100$$

**Unemployment rate**

$$\frac{\text{Number of unemployed}}{\text{Number in the labor force}} \times 100$$

**Economic growth**

$$\frac{\text{Change in real GDP}}{\text{Initial Real GDP}} = \frac{\Delta \text{GDP}}{\text{Initial}}$$

**Marginal tax rate**

$$\frac{\text{Change in taxes}}{\text{Change in income}} = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta Y}$$

**Average tax rate**

$$\frac{\text{Tax paid}}{\text{Income (or tax base)}}$$

$$\text{Total Tax} = \text{Indirect tax} + \text{Direct tax}$$