Time and place: Monday/Wednesday 1:20 to 2:40 in PAC004.

Course description: This course studies the structure and performance of national economies and the policies that governments use to try to affect their performance. Building on the foundations of ECON110 and ECON300, this class will provide a rigorous and critical exposure to macroeconomic theory and its application to current policy issues.

Upon completion of the course, students should have a good grasp of core economic models, and the ability to use those models to understand-real world economic developments. In addition, they should be prepared for upper-level electives on a variety of macroeconomic subjects.

Prerequisites: ECON110 and ECON300

Course requirements and grading:

- Participation (10%)
- Problem sets (10%)
- Exam 1 (15%)
- Exam 2 (15%)
- Comprehensive final exam (30%)
- Empirical project (20%)

Attendance will not be taken, but you will be responsible for all of the material covered in class, regardless of whether or not it was in the book.

Unexcused absences from exams or non-delivery of the final paper will result in a failing grade for the course.

Readings: The primary reading is Macroeconomics by Gregory Mankiw (9th edition). The course will also draw on a number of other readings, some from the business press and others from academic and policy research. Some will be available on the course moodle and some will be handed out in class. In addition, everyone is encouraged to read about current economic developments in The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, The Financial Times, or The New York Times.

The Honor Code: The honor code applies to all work. Exams must be completed independently, without the consultation of other students or any reference material not explicitly permitted. Collaboration on
problem sets is encouraged, but what you turn in should be your work alone. In addition, the names of anyone you worked with should be listed on the first page. Cutting and pasting from any source qualifies as plagiarism.

**Accommodations**: Wesleyan University is committed to ensuring that all qualified students with disabilities are afforded an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from its programs and services. To receive accommodations, a student must have a documented disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and provide documentation of the disability. Since accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact Disability Resources as soon as possible.

If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact Dean Patey (lpatey@wesleyan.edu) in Disability Resources located in North College, room 021, or call 860-685-5581 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting accommodations.

**Office hours**: Regularly scheduled office hours are Mondays 3:00pm to 4:00pm and Thursdays 10:00am to 11:30am in PAC 329, but you can walk-in if the door is open, make an appointment by email, or call 860-685-3571. You are welcome to send questions, comments, and appointment requests to kboulware@wesleyan.edu.

**Teaching assistant**: Will Hein (whein@wesleyan.edu), will be marking the problem sets, holding help sessions, and making himself available for one-on-one assistance.

**Course Moodle**: Moodle will be used to distribute additional course material.