

ECON 482
REVIEW TOPICS IN ECONOMICS

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Course Schedule: Monday 13:40-15:30
Wednesday 13:40-16:30
Friday 13:40-15:30

Course Description:

The course offers a review in selected topics. It is designed as an upper level undergraduate course. Topics covered include both macro as well as micro topics. For the current semester, these topics include endogenous growth theory, macroeconomic and micro-economic policy making, principal-agent models, incentive schemes, tournaments, market failures, economics of health and education, credit and micro-credit, natural experiments and randomized control trials.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completing this course, students are expected to have a deeper understanding of micro and macroeconomic theory, advanced tools in economics and the specific topics covered.

Prerequisites: Intermediate microeconomic (Econ 201) and intermediate macroeconomics (Econ 202).

General Information: Due to the COVID19 pandemic, this course will be given online via METUCLASS. Attendance is mandatory.

Outline:

Week 1: Introduction – Meltem Dayıoğlu
Erol Taymaz: The impact of COVID19 on the Turkish Economy

Weeks 2 and 3: Endogenous Growth Theory
Şirin Saracoğlu

Week 4: Topics in Development Economics
Pınar Derin Güre

Midterm exam: 11 September 2020 Friday

Week 5: Time Consistency in Macroeconomic Policy Making
Kağan Parmaksız

Week 6: Principal-agent Models, Incentive Schemes, and Tournaments
Mürüvvet Büyükboyacı

Final Exam: Set by the Registrar's Office

Required Reading: There is no specific textbook. Reading material will be made available for each topic.

Grading: There will be two exams; a mid-term and a final. The former will count 50% toward the final grade and the latter 50%. Mid-term will take place on 11 September 2020 during the class hour.

Course Website: <https://metuclass.metu.edu.tr>

Note that all information regarding the course will be placed on this website. It is your responsibility to check this site at regular intervals and be up-to-date with all relevant information.

ATTENTION: *Any form of dishonest behavior for any part of the course, which includes but not limited to; cheating during exams, plagiarizing and inappropriate collaboration in assignments, will ensure a failing grade for the course and will result in further disciplinary action in line with university regulations depending on the severity of the violation.*