**ECON 2100: Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle**

**A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Credits: 3  
Lecture Hours/Week: *.*  
Lab Hours/Week: *.*  
OJT Hours/Week: *.*  
Prerequisites: None  
Corequisites: None  
MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

Develops macroeconomic concepts to explore the determination of aggregate output, employment, and the price level in modern mixed economies. The interaction between the financial sector and commodity markets and the potential of monetary and fiscal policy to guide the course of the macro economy are also explored. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/21/1997 - Present

**C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

1. Macroeconomic data  
2. Growth  
3. The basic tools of finance  
4. Unemployment  
5. The monetary system  
6. Inflation  
7. International trade

**D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. gain an understanding of the fundamentals of macroeconomic theory and of how it affects their life

**E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.  
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.  
3. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted