

SUBJECT:	Contemporary Issues in Macroeconomics		
HOURS:	18	ECTS:	3

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Course Description:	<p>The course covers main controversies in modern macroeconomics both within the mainstream and between the mainstream and the heterodoxy.</p> <p>The emphasis is on the impact of the recent crisis on the main building blocks of the discipline and its possible future evolution.</p>		
Learning Outcomes (skills and knowledge):	<p>Upon completing the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a thorough understanding of major methodological, theoretical and empirical controversies in modern macroeconomics, and of policy dilemmas 		
Course Content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main schools of macroeconomics before the financial crisis: the mainstream vs. the heterodoxy. 2. Depression economics vs. crisis in economics: Keynes' revival. 3. Missing links with finance in mainstream macroeconomic models: Minsky's revival. 4. Macroeconomic policy responses during the crisis: the fiscal versus monetary dimension. 5. Macroprudential and regulatory responses to the crisis. 6. Medium-run macroeconomic challenges: inflation or/and unemployment. 7. Possible long-run solutions to budget deficit and public debt. 8. Transmission channels of the crisis to emerging market economics and relative importance of exchange rate policy and foreign reserves management 9. Applying analytical tools to explain Poland's macroeconomic performance. 10. Macroeconomics after the crisis: a bigger role of finance, behavioural economics and economic history. 		
Methods of Instruction:	Lectures and seminar discussions		
Assessment policy (examination):	Essay on a selected topic		
References:	<p>P. Romer: <i>Advanced Macroeconomics</i>, McGraw-Hill 1996.</p> <p>B. Snowden, H. Vane, P. Wynarczyk: <i>A Modern Guide to Macroeconomics</i>, Edward Elgar 1994.</p> <p>Symposium: <i>Macroeconomics after the Financial Crisis?</i> (papers by R.E. Hall, M. Woodford, L.E. Ohanian, A. Fuster <i>et al.</i>, R.J. Caballero, "Journal of Economic Perspectives" Fall 2010.</p> <p>G.A. Akerlof, R.J. Shiller: <i>Animal Spirits</i>, Princeton University Press 2009.</p> <p>R.E. Backhouse: <i>The Puzzle of Modern Economics. Science or Ideology</i>, Cambridge University Press 2010.</p> <p>O.J. Blanchard, <i>The State of Macro</i>, NBER Working Paper 14259, August 2008.</p> <p>D. Coyle: <i>The Soulful Science: What Economists Really Do and Why It Matters</i>, Princeton University Press 2007.</p> <p>N. Roubini, S. Mihm: <i>Crisis Economics</i>, Penguin Press, 2010.</p> <p>R. Skidelsky: <i>Keynes: The Return of the Master</i>, Penguin Books, 2010.</p> <p>R.G. Rajan: <i>Fault Lines</i>, Princeton University Press 2010.</p> <p>Selected most recent publications.</p>		

