LECTURE 1

COURSE INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMIC DATA

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I. COURSE CONTENT
   A. Short-run macro policy
   B. Course topics
   C. Historical and international comparisons
   D. Theory and empirical tools

II. COURSE STRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS
   A. Lecture
   B. Section
   C. Readings
   D. Requirements
   E. Other information
   F. A little advice

III. A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMIC DATA
   A. Overview
   B. The issue that Davis is interested in
   C. Davis’s approach
   D. Implications
       1. Nineteenth century business cycles
       2. Business cycles before and after the Civil War