This is an introductory course that lays the basic foundations for studying Macroeconomics. Macroeconomics is the branch of economics that deals with the economy as a whole. It covers issues that are broad in scope and deal with the aggregate effects on the economy. Some of the issues that we will cover in this course include unemployment, economic growth, inflation, and interest rates. These issues are often what come to mind when we say economics and inform not only the decisions made by firms but also are used by politicians to make policy decisions.