**Flexible use of *MACROECONOMICS* by Nils Gottfries**

For a short course in macroeconomics, it may not be possible to cover the whole book. Since the book builds macroeconomic theory in a systematic way from microeconomics, Chapters 1-14 need to be taught in the order that they appear in the book.

However, the sections listed below can be omitted from teaching, or left for students’ own reading, without breaking the logic of the exposition. Also, teachers can choose what parts to include from chapters 15-18. This leaves a core of required reading consisting of **343 pages**including summaries and exercises.

Beyond these 343 pages of core content, the lecturer has flexibility to choose what to include and what to emphasize in the course. This flexibility might be particularly useful for lecturers wishing to focus on the short run and economic policy.

**Optional sections in chapters 1-14**

All appendices except appendix to Chapter 1

Section 5.4 The Golden Rule

Section 5.5 Why are some countries richer than others?

Section 5.6 Are poor countries catching up?

Section 5.7 What determines technological development?

Section 6.5 Wage bargaining and unions

Section 6.6 Minimum wages and skill-biased technical change

Section 6.7 Persistent high unemployment

Section 6.8 Long-term unemployment

Section 7.6 Seignorage