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Economics A-level  
**Macroeconomics**

Topic 1: Macroeconomic Theory

**1.8 The short run Phillips curve**

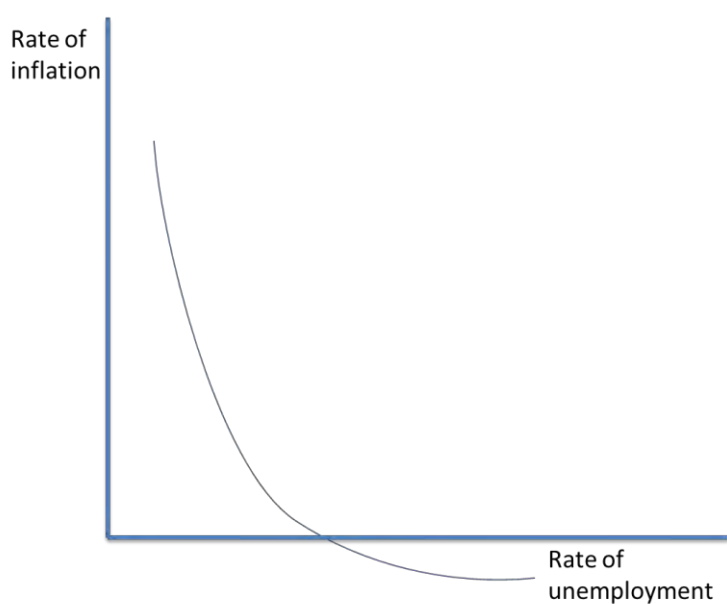
Notes



## **Unemployment vs inflation:**

In the short run, there is a trade-off between the level of unemployment and the inflation rate. This is illustrated with a **Phillips curve**.

As economic growth increases, unemployment falls due to more jobs being created. However, this causes wages to increase, which can lead to more consumer spending and an increase in the average price level.



The extent of this trade off can be limited if supply side policies are used to reduce structural unemployment, which will not increase average wages.

