

ECON

Introduction to Macroeconomics

Syllabus

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Introduction. I'll be teaching our introductory course in macroeconomics. Please read this syllabus carefully, as it may answer many questions you have about the course. If you have questions after reading, you can contact me at the email address above or via HP. You should have easy access to our textbook, Mankiw, G. Principles of Macroeconomics, 6th Edition, as we will follow it closely throughout the quarter.

Course Guidelines. The following guidelines apply for the course, but may be superseded in class or on the course email. When in doubt, it is your responsibility to ask for clarification.

Assignments. Homework will be announced in class or on the course email, and must be uploaded to the course website.

Exams. There will be two exams in this course: a midterm and a final. All are closed book, closed notes. Unless otherwise specified, you may use any simple calculator with no programming capabilities. Please be aware that in general no makeup exams will be given.

Attendance. Your attendance is encouraged, but not required. If you miss class, you are still responsible for the material covered and should get class notes from a fellow student.

I encourage you to come with questions related to homework or course material, or with any general questions you might have about economics as a major.

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Grading : Final grades will be determined by performance on homework, a quiz, a midterm, and a final exam. The following weights apply:

Homework : 10%
Quiz : 10%
Midterm : 30%
Final : 50%

Learning Goals. At the end of this term, you should have a basic understanding of the following topics:

1. Introduction to macroeconomics
2. Thinking Like an Economist
3. Roots of macroeconomics
4. Macroeconomics Concern
5. Aggregate economic variables: GDP & prices
6. Long run economics growth
7. Saving & investment
8. Unemployment
9. Money and banking system
10. Short term economic fluctuations
11. Government in the Macroeconomics
 - a. Monetary policy
 - b. Fiscal policy
 - c. Supply Side Policies
12. Open economy macroeconomics

You should be able to apply this understanding to analyze the current domestic economic environment, policy debates, and international events.

Grading scale. The following grade distribution will be applied to percentage scores to determine your final grade:

% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade	% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade
100.0%	4.0	A	57.5%	2.3	C+
97.5%	3.9	A	55.0%	2.2	C+
95.0%	3.8	A-	52.5%	2.1	C
92.5%	3.7	A-	50.0%	2.0	C
90.0%	3.6	A-	47.5%	1.9	C
87.5%	3.5	A-	45.0%	1.8	C-
85.0%	3.4	B+	42.5%	1.7	C-
82.5%	3.3	B+	40.0%	1.6	C-
80.0%	3.2	B+	37.5%	1.5	C-
77.5%	3.1	B	35.0%	1.4	D+
75.0%	3.0	B	32.5%	1.3	D+
72.5%	2.9	B	30.0%	1.2	D+
70.0%	2.8	B-	27.5%	1.1	D
67.5%	2.7	B-	25.0%	1.0	D
65.0%	2.6	B-	22.5%	0.9	D
62.5%	2.5	B-	20.0%	0.8	D-
60.0%	2.4	C+	17.5%	0.7	D-

Academic Honesty. Exams are individual work and cheating will not be tolerated. Students must not glance at their neighbors exams. Students must not change their answers after they have turned their exam in.

Check the student handbook for further information about cheating, plagiarism etc. Cheating of any kind may result in expulsion from the university. The Department of Economics will follow university policy in case of academic dishonesty. These rules complement/supplement the university rules, which can be found online.

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the Department's rules for student conduct and evaluation of student learning. Students accused of academic misconduct will be referred directly to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct for disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Conduct Code and, if found guilty, will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions range from a disciplinary warning, to academic probation, to immediate dismissal for the Department and the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. Moreover, a grade of zero can be assigned by the instructor for the course.