



Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics

ECON 1100, three (3) undergraduate credits

Summer 2020 Course Syllabus

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Required Textbook: *Macroeconomics in Context* (Third Edition) by N. Goodwin, J. Harris, J. A. Nelson, J. Rajkarnkar, B. Roach, M. Torras, M.E. Sharpe.

Student Study Guide, which is a free supplemental material of the textbook. It can be downloaded from the website of the textbook.

Course Description:

This is an introduction course to understand the basic concepts and theories of macroeconomics. We will analyze how the society organizes to produce and share goods and services. Students will learn how to measure basic macroeconomic concepts such as economic growth, unemployment, and income inequality. Student will also acquire the basic knowledge of the relationship between these three macroeconomic issues. This course is designed to make a connection between real life economy and macroeconomic theory. At the end of semester, students will learn the causes and consequences of the 2008 economic crisis, and will be able to answer how economies grow and develop.

Course Requirements:

Exams: There will be one **midterm exam** and one cumulative **final exam**. Both exams may include multiple choice questions along with few short answer questions. Dates of exams are marked on the course calendar section of this syllabus, so mark your calendars.

Homework assignments: There will be **4** homework assignments. The purpose of these assignments is to make sure you stay current with the material. Assignments are due at the **beginning** of a class session, not the end. You are encouraged to work with your classmates but you should submit your own answers

to homework. Students are also highly encouraged to work on the multiple choice questions provided in the supplement materials of the textbook!

Grade Distribution:

Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	35%
Homework Assignments (10% each)	40%
TOTAL	100%

Policies and Rules:

- 1) Students are encouraged to *actively participate* in the class.
- 2) Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in the classroom. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, using cell phones or any other kind of electronic devices, etc.

Tentative Course Outline*:

Note: Appendices will not be covered.

Week 1:

June 29, Mon: Orientation (No Class)

June 30, Tue: Chapter 5: Macroeconomic Measurement (Measuring GDP and Inflation)

July 1, Wed: Chapter 6: Macroeconomic Measurement (Alternative Development Indices)

July 2, Thu: Chapter 8: Employment, Unemployment and Wages

July 3, Fri: *Discussion Session with TA*

Week 2:

July 6, Mon: Chapter 8: Employment, Unemployment and Wages *Due for Homework Assign. # 1*

July 7, Tue: Chapter 9: Aggregate Demand and Economic Fluctuations (Analyzing Business Cycles)

July 8, Wed: Chapter 9: Aggregate Demand and Economic Fluctuations (Analyzing Business Cycles)

* This outline is subject to change, depending on the time constraints.

July 9, Thu: Chapter 10: Fiscal Policy

July 10, Fri: *Discussion Session with TA*

Week 3:

July 13, Mon: Chapter 10: Fiscal Policy

July 14, Tue: Chapter 11: Money, Banking, and Finance *Due for Homework Assign. # 2*

July 15, Wed: Chapter 11: Money, Banking, and Finance

July 16, Thu: Midterm Exam

July 17, Fri: *Discussion Session with TA (Answering Midterm Exam Questions)*

Week 4:

July 20, Mon: Chapter 12: The Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy

July 21, Tue: Chapter 12: The Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy

July 22, Wed: Chapter 13: Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand *Due for Homework Assign. 3*

July 23, Thu: Chapter 13: Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand

July 24, Fri: *Discussion Session with TA*

Week 5:

July 27, Mon: Chapter 14: The Global Economy and Policy (Open-Economy Macroeconomics)

July 28, Tue: Chapter 14: The Global Economy and Policy (Open-Economy Macroeconomics)

July 29, Wed: Chapter 17: How Economies Grow and Develop (Growth and Development)

July 30, Thu: Catch up/Review *Due for Homework Assign. # 4*

July 31, Fri: Final Exam

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<u>4.0</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>95 – 100</u>
<u>3.7</u>	<u>A-</u>	<u>92 – 94</u>
<u>3.5</u>	<u>A-/B+</u>	<u>89 - 91</u>
<u>3.3</u>	<u>B+</u>	<u>86 – 88</u>
<u>3.0</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>83 – 85</u>
<u>2.7</u>	<u>B-</u>	<u>80 – 82</u>
<u>2.5</u>	<u>B-/C+</u>	<u>77 – 79</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>74 – 76</u>
<u>2.0</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>71 – 73</u>
<u>1.7</u>	<u>C-</u>	<u>69 – 70</u>
<u>1.5</u>	<u>C-/D+</u>	<u>67 – 68</u>
<u>1.3</u>	<u>D+</u>	<u>64 – 66</u>
<u>1.0</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>60 – 63</u>
<u>0.0</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>0 – 59</u>

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