

## Syllabus for ECON 2301- Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2025

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**Course:** ECON 2301  
**Course Title:** Principles of Macroeconomics  
**Instructor:** Azharul Islam  
**Term:** Summer 2025  
Monday and Wednesday  
**Meetings** 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
SCI 2.210



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### Instructor's Contact Information

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### General Course Information

**Pre-requisites** There are no pre-requisites for this course, while college-level algebra skills are expected.

**Course Description** An introduction to theories of the determination of national production and income, interest rates, inflation, and unemployment. Other topics include the banking system, balance of payments, economic growth, and development.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

### Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

- Describe basic economic concepts such as demand, supply, elasticity, efficiency, inflation, unemployment, and economic growth.
- Interpret macroeconomic data.
- Apply basic principles of macroeconomics to real-world events.

### Textbooks & Materials

*Principles of Macroeconomics, 10th Edition* by N. Gregory Mankiw. ISBN: 9780357722961.  
Slides will be posted on eLearning before class.

*Note: Please bring the lecture slides to each session, either as a printed copy or a soft copy. We will fill in the gaps and discuss them together. The slides will be posted on eLearning before each class.*

**Academic Calendar**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Homework</b> <b>All assignments are due by 11:59 PM Central Time.</b>
<b>6/2 &amp; 6/4</b>	Introduction and Syllabus Chapter 1 Ten Principles of Economics Chapter 2 Thinking Like an Economist	
<b>6/9 &amp; 6/11</b>	Chapter 3 Interdependence and the Gains from Trade Chapter 4 The Market Forces of Supply and Demand	
<b>6/16 &amp; 6/18</b>	Chapter 4 The Market Forces of Supply and Demand Chapter 5 Elasticity and Its Application	<b>HW 1 (chapters 1 through 4)</b> <b>Available on 6/11</b> <b>Due on 6/18</b>
<b>6/23 &amp; 6/25</b>	Chapter 5 Elasticity and Its Application Chapter 6 Supply, Demand, and Government Policies <b>Exam 1 review</b>	<b>HW 2 (chapters 5 and 6)</b> <b>Available on 6/19</b> <b>Due on 6/26</b>
<b>6/30</b>	<b>Exam 1 (chapters 1 through 6)</b> Chapter 10 Measuring a Nation's Income	
<b>7/2</b>	Chapter 10 Measuring a Nation's Income	
<b>7/7 &amp; 7/9</b>	Chapter 11 Measuring the Cost of Living Chapter 12 Production and Growth	<b>HW 3 (chapters 10 through 12)</b> <b>Available on 7/7</b> <b>Due on 7/14</b>
<b>7/14 &amp; 7/16</b>	Chapter 13 Saving, Investment, and the Financial System Chapter 14 The Basic Tools of Finance <b>Exam 2 review</b>	<b>HW 4 (chapters 13 and 14)</b> <b>Available on 7/14</b> <b>Due on 7/18</b>
<b>7/21</b>	<b>Exam 2 (chapters 10 through 14)</b> Chapter 15 Unemployment	
<b>7/23</b>	Chapter 16 The Monetary System	
<b>7/28 &amp; 7/30</b>	Chapter 17 Money Growth and Inflation Chapter 20 Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	<b>HW 5 (chapters 15 through 17)</b> <b>Available on 7/23</b> <b>Due on 7/30</b>
<b>8/4 &amp; 8/6</b>	Chapter 20 Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Chapter 21 The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand	
<b>8/11</b>	Chapter 21 The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand <b>Exam 3 review</b>	<b>HW 6 (chapters 20 and 21)</b> <b>Available on 7/30</b> <b>Due on 8/11</b>
<b>8/13</b>	<b>Exam 3 (Chapters 15 through 17 and 20 and 21)</b>	

**Key Deadlines**

<b>HW 1</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>6/30</b>
<b>HW 2</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>7/21</b>

HW 3	7/14	Exam 3	8/13
HW 4	7/18		
HW 5	7/30		
HW 6	8/11		

- The dates of chapters covered are tentative and subject to change.
- You will need to log into eLearning regularly to download lecture slides, homework questions, and other course materials.
- The uploaded lecture slides will contain blank spaces, which we will fill in together during our regular class. Please review the slides before class.
- Exams are conducted in-person, closed book, and closed notes. The exam will follow a similar format to the homework assignments, comprising multiple-choice questions, true/false statements, short-answer questions, and graph analysis to illustrate course content. Each exam is expected to take about an hour to complete.
- The exams are NOT cumulative.

### Course Policies

<b>Class Materials</b>	The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct</a> .
<b>Class Attendance</b>	Class attendance is highly recommended, but not mandatory. The University's attendance policy requirement is that individual faculty set their course attendance requirements. Regular and punctual class attendance is expected. Students who fail to attend class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. No special attendance requirements.
<b>Class Participation</b>	Regular class participation is expected. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. A portion of the grade for this course is directly tied to your participation in this class. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to University requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct</a> .
<b>Class Recordings</b>	Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct</a> .

<b>Grading (credit) Criteria</b>	<p>Homework: 25%</p> <p>Exam 1: 25%</p> <p>Exam 2: 25%</p> <p>Exam 3: 25%</p> <p>Participating in Class Activities and Discussions: Up to 5 Extra Points</p> <p>The weighted average grade will be translated into letter grade (A+ through F) as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="475 478 950 663"> <tr> <td>97-100 A+</td> <td>93-96 A</td> <td>90-92 A-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>87-89 B+</td> <td>83-86 B</td> <td>80-82 B-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>77-79 C+</td> <td>73-76 C</td> <td>70-72 C-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-69 D</td> <td>0-59 F</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	97-100 A+	93-96 A	90-92 A-	87-89 B+	83-86 B	80-82 B-	77-79 C+	73-76 C	70-72 C-	60-69 D	0-59 F	
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<b>Make-up Exams</b>	<p>Make-up exams will only be given in extenuating circumstances and documentation, such as the doctor's note, is required.</p>												
<b>Extra Credit</b>	<p>By regularly participating in class activities and group discussions, you can earn up to 5 additional points added to your final grade, depending on the number of sessions attended. I incorporate in-class activities to deepen your understanding of economic concepts and connect them to real-world economic phenomena. Discussion opportunities will be available throughout the course, especially during Chapters 4, 10, 11, 20, and 21.</p>												
<b>Late Work</b>	<p>Six assignments will be given, and the final grade will be based on the top five scores (drop the lowest one). Suggested answers will be provided on eLearning. <b>Students should finish the homework on eLearning before 11:59 pm on the due dates.</b> Students may find access to homework by clicking "Assignments" under the "ECON 2301.001 - Principles of Macroeconomics - Su25" on eLearning. There will be a 20% subtraction due to late submissions. No credit will be given for homework submissions after uploading the homework key.</p>												
<b>Comet Creed</b>	<p><i>This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:</i></p> <p><i>"As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do."</i></p>												
<b>Academic Support Resources</b>	<p>The information contained in the following link lists the University's academic support resources for all students.</p> <p>Please go to <a href="http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources">http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources</a>.</p>												
<b>UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures</b>	<p>The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the sections regarding the <a href="#">credit/no credit</a> grading option and withdrawal from class.</p> <p>Please go to <a href="http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies">http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies</a> for these policies.</p>												

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