

Course Syllabus

Course Information

ECON 2301.HN1
Principles of Macroeconomics
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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.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

This course is designed to introduce students to a broad swath of ideas relating to national and international economics. Students should prepare to augment their vocabulary in the subject. By the end of the class students will be able to converse about macroeconomics. Students will also be able to read and interpret economic news reports and analysis.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Principles of Macroeconomics, 7th edition (if you use past editions, make sure you are checking with the CV library copy of the 7th edition for any differences between texts).
N. Gregory Mankiw
South-western Cengage Learning
ISBN13: 978-1305081659

Additional readings will be posted to eLearning as appropriate.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Chapter reading assignments are from the Mankiw text book.

Date	Class	Topic	Reading
1/12	1	Syllabus, Ten Principles	Ch1
1/14	2	Thinking Like an Economist	Ch2
1/19	3	Interdependence and Gains from Trade	Ch 3
1/21	4	Market Forces of Supply and Demand	Ch 4
1/26	5	Elasticity and Application	Ch 5
1/28	6	Supply, Demand, and Govt. Policies	Ch 6
2/2	7	Consumers, Producers and Efficiency	Ch 7
2/4	8	Costs of Taxation	Ch 8
2/9	9	International Trade	Ch 9
2/11		Test 1	
2/16	10	Measuring a Nation's Income	Ch 10
2/18	11	Measuring the Cost of Living	Ch 11
2/23	12	Production and Growth	Ch 12
2/25	13	Saving, Investment, and Financial System	Ch 13
3/1	14	The Basic Tools of Finance	Ch 14
3/3	15	Unemployment	Ch 15
3/8	-	<i>Spring Break</i>	-
3/10	-	<i>Spring Break</i>	-
3/15	16	Monetary System	Ch 16
3/17	17	Money Growth and Inflation	Ch 17
3/22		Test 2	
3/24	19	Open-Economy Macroeconomics	Ch 18
3/29	20	Macro Theory of Open Economy	Ch 19
3/31	21	Macro Theory of Open Economy	
4/5	22	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	Ch 20
4/7	23	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	
4/12	24	Money and Fiscal Policy and Agg Demand	Ch 21
4/14	25	Money and Fiscal Policy and Agg Demand	
4/19	26	Inflation and Unemployment	Ch 22
4/21	27	Inflation and Unemployment	
4/26	28	Six Debates	Ch 23
4/28		Test 3	-

Grading Policy

The grades for the course will be based on reading quizzes at the beginning of class and three exams. The three exams will not be comprehensive, though there will inevitably be material common to both assessments.

Quizzes – 25%

Exams, each – 25%

Quizzes:

There will be a closed book quiz at the beginning of each class. You may begin the quiz five minutes early and will have until 5 minutes after the beginning of class (up to 10 minutes total). If you are late to class and miss the quiz, you will receive a zero for that day. Your lowest three quizzes will be dropped. If you are excused from class on a given day, the quiz will not be included in your quiz average. The quizzes will be in two parts. The first part will cover the material from the assigned reading (three points). The second part will cover the material from the previous class discussion (two points).

Exams:

You will have three exams for the course. Exams will cover material from the assigned readings and from course discussions.

Course & Instructor Policies

Make-up Exams:

Make-up exams will only be allowed in the case of an excused absence or emergency.

Excused Absence or Emergency:

If you plan to travel for a university related trip, please notify me at least two weeks in advance and have your advisor send me an email. If you have a last minute medical or family emergency, please notify me as soon as you learn of the emergency. It is your responsibility to email me. Do not wait to discuss the matter in the following class period.

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The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.