

Course Syllabus

Course Information

Econ 2301.002: Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2020

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm, GR 3.606

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Office Hours: Questions may be sent to me by email. I will answer them within 24 hours. If you want me to read your email, it must include ECON 2301 in the subject header. The university requires all official emails to go to your UTD address, so I will send messages to your UTD address.

You can also make an appointment for a Skype talk with me. My Skype name is Minyu Han.

Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

The course does not have any pre-requisites. However, some knowledge of college level algebra would be useful. I will be providing math reviews if necessary. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns related to this course.

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to Macroeconomics. In Macroeconomics we study how an entire national economy performs in a world of constrained choice. First, we will study basic microeconomic theories and understand how individuals make economic decisions. Second, we will examine aggregate levels of income and employment, the levels of interest rates and inflation rates, and the nature of business cycles in a national economy.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

After completing this course successfully, students will:

1. Understand basic economic concepts such as demand, supply, elasticity, efficiency, inflation, unemployment and economic growth;
2. Be able to apply basic principles of macroeconomics to the events in the real world; and
3. Have an understanding of the tradeoffs in macroeconomic policymaking.

Required Textbooks

Principles of Macroeconomics, 8th Edition by N. Gregory Mankiw, 2017, Cengage.

Note: The latest 9th edition is also fine. Either the night before class, or early the morning of class, a PowerPoint will be available on elearning.

Tentative Academic Calendar

Date	Topics	Due
1/14	Syllabus, Chapter 1	
1/16	Chapter 2	
1/21	Chapter 3	
1/23	Chapter 4	HW 1
1/28	Chapter 5	
2/4	Chapter 6	
2/6	Chapter 7	
2/11	Chapter 7 Continue	
2/13	Review and Questions	HW 2
2/18	Exam 1	
2/20	Chapter 10	
2/25	Chapter 11	
2/27	Chapter 12	
3/3	Chapter 13	
3/5	Chapter 14	HW 3
3/10	Chapter 15	
3/12	Chapter 16	
3/17-19	Spring Break!!	
3/24-26	Extended Spring Break	
3/31	Chapter 17: Money Growth and Inflation	
4/2	Chapter 17 Continue	
4/7	Chapter 20: Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	Quiz 1
4/9	Chapter 20 Continue	
4/14	Chapter 21: The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand	Quiz 2
4/16	Chapter 21 Continue	
4/21	Chapter 22: The Short-Run Trade-off between Inflation and Unemployment	
4/23	Chapter 22 Continue	
4/28	Review and Questions	HW 4
4/30	Exam 2 (class time)	
5/1	Reading Day	

Note: This calendar is tentative and subject to change. **The dates for exams and problem sets will not change** unless the university has been closed. I will change the materials covered in the problem sets or exams to accommodate where we are in the lecture.

Attendance

Attendance is not mandatory.

Grading Policy

The grade for the course will be based on **four** problem sets (25% in total), **two** quizzes (15% in total) and **two** exams (30 % each). HW4, Quizzes and Exam 2 will be open-book and given online via eLearning.

Quizzes are given one day prior to their due dates. You should submit the quizzes and HW4 by 11:59 pm on the days they are due. Late submissions will not be accepted. Make-up exams will only be given in extenuating circumstances (documentation required).

Final letter grades will include +/- grades and will be based on a curve dependent on the class distribution. They will be assigned as follows:

97+ 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

Delivery of course materials

I will offer the lectures asynchronously so that you can participate at times that are best for you. I will upload two recorded lectures to eLearning (you can find them in the "Lectures" folder on the course homepage) during our usual class time every week. I will divide a lecture into two or three parts, making it easier for you to download them. Try to stick to the schedule as much as you can. Staying on a schedule will help you have a feeling of normalcy and prevent you from falling way behind. At least, make sure you watch the lectures before you take the quizzes. Lecture notes and other materials will be posted as usual.

You should also make sure to read the economics section of the paper regularly. Be prepared for questions related to current topics in quizzes and Exam 2.

Decorum during class

- No cell phones during class.
- No laptops or other e-devices in use other than for class-related activities.

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ⁱ These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the professor. General University Policies can be found at <http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> .