**Course Overview**
This class will introduce the basic methods of economic analysis with an emphasis on macroeconomics. We’ll cover macroeconomic theory and the tools to study the economy as a whole (including topics like: monetary system, international trade/exchange rate, aggregate supply/aggregate demand model, government policies, unemployment, and inflation). We’ll also apply the economic theory to discuss recent issues such as the financial crisis of 2008-2009 and the government budget deficit.

**Learning Outcomes**
The course’s objective is to teach students the tools to critically think about macroeconomics issues. By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Know the definitions and key concepts of principle economic theory.
- Understand and apply the model of supply and demand.
- Apply the model of aggregate supply and aggregate demand.
- Understand and discuss the U.S. financial system.
- Understand and discuss international trade and exchange rate.
- Discuss the financial crisis of 2008-2009 and the current fiscal budget deficit.
- Discuss unemployment and inflation.
- Apply the tools of basic finance (if time allow)

**Textbook/Reading and Class material**
2. Access to Blackboard (I’ll upload some of my notes and study guide for the class)

**Grading**
- Quizzes: 25%
- 3 Exams: 75% (25% each)
- Final Exam: 25% (optional)

Course letter grade will be assigned by the following:

- [100%, 93.3%] = A  
- (93.3%, 90%) = A-  
- (90%, 86.7%) = B+  
- (86.7%, 83.3%) = B  
- (83.3%, 80%) = B-  
- (76.7%, 73.3%) = C  
- (73.3%, 70%) = C-  
- (66.7%, 63.3%) = D  
- (63.3%, 60%) = D-  
- Below 60% = F
Quizzes
Throughout the course, there will be occasional pop quizzes administered during lecture time. This is to make sure students are not falling behind in class and are keeping up with the course material. To accommodate for situations when students are not able to attend lecture due to unforeseen circumstances, I am willing to drop the lowest quiz score. The total number of quizzes and the number of quiz drop will be determined near the end of the semester. The overall quiz grade will be worth 25% of the course grade.

Exams
There will be three midterm exams and an optional final exam. All exams are assumed closed book. Student must take the exam at the scheduled time and place. There will be no make up exams. If I see that student has a valid excuse for missing the exam, we can figure something out. However, student must come talk to me at least a week BEFORE the exam. Additionally, students may choose to take the final exam to replace one of three midterm exam scores. If you plan NOT to take the final exam option, please let me know before/during the last midterm. Exam grade will be curved around the class average. Each exam score is worth 25% of the course grade.

Tentative Exam Schedule (subject to change):

- Midterm 1: 10:00am-10:50am, Feb. 17 2012, SH 351
- Midterm 2: 10:00am-10:50am, March 23 2012, SH 351
- Midterm 3: 10:00am-10:50am, May 4 2012, SH 351
- Final Exam: (see SDSU final exam schedule) SH 351

Academic Integrity
I see academic dishonesty to be a serious offense. It’s unfair to other students who’ve made the effort to study for quizzes and exams. Evidence of a student cheating will result in an automatic “F” in his/her course grade. Students can familiarize themselves with SDSU Standard for Student Conduct available at http://csrr.sdsu.edu/conduct1.html.

Accommodating Disabilities
If you have or acquire any sort of disability that may require accommodation, feel free to discuss it with me at your convenience. You can find out what services are available on campus by contacting Student Disability Service, Suite 3100, Calpulli Center (619) 594-6473

Course Outline
- Introduction
  - Ch 3 Gains from Trade
- Intro to Microeconomics
  - Ch 4 Supply and Demand
- Macroeconomics
  - Ch 5 Measuring Nation’s Income
  - Ch 6 Measuring the Cost of Living
• The Real Economy in the Long Run
  o Ch 7 Production and Growth
  o Ch 8 Saving, Investment, and Financial system
  o Ch 10 Unemployment
• Money and Price in the Long Run
  o Ch 11 The Monetary System
  o Ch 12 Money Growth and Inflation
• Macroeconomics of Open Economy
  o Ch 13 Basic Concepts
  o Ch 14 Macroeconomic Theory
• Short-Run Economics Fluctuations
  o Ch 15 Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply
  o Ch 16 Monetary and Fiscal Policy
  o Ch 17 Inflation and Unemployment
• Final Thoughts
  o Ch 18 Macroeconomic policy debates
• Ch 9 Basic Tools of Finance (if time allow)