Economics 320 Syllabus
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
SDSU Spring 2011
MW 2:00-3:15p / Hardy Tower 183

Brief Course Description
This is an intermediate macroeconomics course. Macroeconomics is the study of economies as a whole and government policies that affect aggregate economic performance. We will analyze the determinants of national output, price, and employment levels. We will also consider the theory of long-run economic growth, and examine short-run economic fluctuations and stabilization policies.

Required Textbook
Macroeconomics 7th edition, by Abel, Bernanke, and Croushore

Course Website
I will post announcements, grades, and recommended practice problems on our course website on Blackboard at http://blackboard.sdsu.edu. There is also a discussion board here that I encourage you to use.

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Evaluation
There will be three exams: two midterms and one cumulative final. The exams are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Midterm 1: Wednesday, 2/23 in class
Midterm 2: Wednesday, 4/13 in class
Final Exam: Wednesday, 5/18 1-3pm

I will calculate for each student one point total that puts a weight of 25% on the first exam, 25% on the second exam, and 50% on the cumulative final. I will also calculate a second point total that puts a weight of 25% on the better of the first two exams and 75% on the cumulative final. Student’s grade will be based on the higher of the two numbers.

Exam dates are not negotiable and there are no make-up exams—if you miss a midterm you will receive a score of zero on that midterm. A missed exam automatically commits a student to the second grading option. There are no acceptable reasons for missing the final—-if you miss the final, you will receive a failing grade for the course.

The following apply as the minimum of the letter grade you can expect to earn based on the total weighted % of points you earn in the course:
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, <60% = F

Any student caught cheating will receive an F for the exam on which they are found cheating. If you are caught a second time, you will receive a failing grade for the course.