Econ 320
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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Define various measures of macro economic output and income

2. Demonstrate how GDP is determined.

3. Elaborate on how government can affect GDP and other macro measures of economic activity.

4. Identify “turning points” in a business cycle and how they are affected by domestic and international events.


TEXT

- MyEconLab

READINGS (Ignore all material on the IS-LM model.)

- Intro; NIA; productivity, output and employment; C, S, I – text chapters 1-4.
- “That 70’s Funk,” from *Econoclasts*, chapter 1 (with text chapter 4)

- Long run growth; money and prices, and the asset market – text chapters 6 & 7.

- Business cycle – text chapter 8.


- AD-AS model of macroeconomics – chapter 9, pp. 336-343 only.
- Classical Economics model; Keynesian model – text chapters 10 & 11. (Ignore all material on the IS-LM model.)
- "Confidence and Its Multipliers," from *Animal Spirits*, chapter 1 (with text ch. 11)

EXAMS, HOMEWORKS, QUIZZES, AND GRADES

1. Quizzes: on-line quizzes available on MyEconLab Friday at 4pm until Sunday at midnight. The quiz is based on class materials from that week. The 10 highest scores will be counted. Each quiz is worth 10 points.

2. Homeworks: on-line homeworks available on MyEconLab Monday at 4pm until Friday at midnight. The homework is based on class materials which will be covered or assigned for that week. The 10 highest scores will be counted. Each homework is worth 5 points.


4. Grades. Final grades are based on total points received on the ten highest quizzes, 10 highest home works, and three exam scores (and any other assignments made during the semester). All scores will be curved. +/- grades will be used.

CONDUCT

SDSU's policy about inappropriate conduct and cheating, and its consequences are contained in the 2011-12 General Catalog beginning on page 470. Using your cell phone during class is #1 on the list of inappropriate conduct.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE. Reading assignments, exam dates, types of exam questions, and all other matters pertaining to this class are subject to change with sufficient notice. I have no plans to change anything at this time.