ECON 101 Sect. 11 – Principles of Macroeconomics Syllabus

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Course Overview

This course will introduce you to the basic ideas and theories of macroeconomics as well as explore the real-world application of economic models. You will be introduced to the methods used to understand the economy and the tools used in attempt to manage it. This course will also cover current events in economics and the financial crisis of 2007-2008.

Learning Objectives

Students will leave this course with a better understanding of global and domestic economic issues. By the end of this course, students should be able to understand news reports and discuss current events in the following areas:

- The main ideas and principles of macroeconomics.
- The supply and demand model and market equilibrium.
- The significance of GDP and how it is calculated.
- The relationship between savings and investment in the loanable funds market.
- Labor force participation, unemployment, and the various types of unemployment.
- International trade and international finance.
- Implications of Fiscal and Monetary Policy.
- Personal finance and the stock market.

Required Text

1. Modern Principles: Macroeconomics, 2nd edition with EconPortal, by Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok
2. Any supplemental material posted on the course’s Blackboard site.
Grading

Your overall grade will be determined by 3 exams and weekly homework assignments. Each exam carries a weight of 25% of your total grade. Your overall homework grade will carry a weight of 25%.

Exams: 75%

Homework: 25%

Course letter grades will be assigned using the scale below:

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Homework

I will assign homework throughout the course. All assignments will be posted on Blackboard, https://blackboard.sdsu.edu/ and in-class on the day it is assigned. The homework is designed to test your understanding of the material prior to taking the exams. All homework assignments will be completed using Econportal unless otherwise stated. Since homework accounts for 25% of your grade, it is important that you do all of the assignments before the due date and time. Doing the homework will not only help you do better on the exams, but will also help boost your overall grade. Failure to complete the homework will make the tests more difficult for you and dramatically hurt your overall grade. Late homework will not be accepted and you will receive a zero for that assignment. You can access Econportal at http://courses.bfwpub.com/cowentabarrokmacro2.php or off of the course Blackboard site.

Exams

There will be four (4) scheduled exams through the semester; Three (3) midterms and the final. All exams are closed book/note and each student must take the exam at the scheduled date and time. There will be no make-ups. If you need to miss an exam for documented medical reason, you can make-up the exam if you provide documentation in the form of a doctor’s note. If you miss an exam without a medical excuse, you will receive a zero. Since your final grade only includes three (3) exams, I will drop your lowest test score. This also means that the final is optional. If you are satisfied with your first three test scores, you can decline to take the final and your “zero” on the final exam will be dropped.

Each midterm exam and the final will cover topics discussed in class as well as material from the textbook and supplemental items. The midterms and final exam are not cumulative and will only cover material presented since the last exam. I suggest you attend lectures and take detailed notes as a majority of exam questions will come directly from lectures.

If the majority of students REGULARLY attend class, I will hold review sessions during the class meeting before an exam date. If I notice (at my discretion) that students are not coming to regular lectures, I will not hold review sessions.

Tentative Exam Schedule:

Exam 1: 9/19   Exam 2: 10/17   Exam 3: 11/14   Exam 4: 12/12
**Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty and cheating is a serious offense. Any student suspected of cheating will receive a zero credit on the assignment or exam, and may face further disciplinary action from the university. Please familiarize yourself with the SDSU Standard for Student Conduct.

**Students with Disabilities**

If you have or acquire a disability that may require accommodation, please do not hesitate to let me know. You can find out what services are available on campus by contacting Student Disability Services, Suite 3100, Calpulli Center (619) 594-6473.

**Class Conduct**

It is important that we respect each individual during class time. Please refrain from behavior that may be disruptive to me or other students.

Cell Phones: Turn off your cell phone or put it on silent before class begins. Do not use your cell phone during class which includes but is not limited to, talking, texting, playing games, Facebook, or web browsing.

Eating/Drinking: Do not eat in class. Sealed beverage containers are allowed.

Personal Conversations: Do not have personal conversations during lecture. If you have a question, let me know and I will clarify any misunderstanding.

Attendance: I cannot expect every student to arrive early to every class, but please understand that when you arrive late you may disrupt the lecture. Please be quiet and respectful if you arrive to class late. I will not track attendance so you will not be rewarded/penalized for your attendance record.