



ECFI 202 Syllabus
Principles of Macroeconomics
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Course Description:

An introductory study of factors that determine U.S. unemployment, production, growth, interest and inflation rates; basic theories of consumption and investment expenditure; and the effects of discretionary fiscal and monetary policies on the national economy.

Course Objectives:

A core objective for this course is to help the student comprehend the principles essential to understand the basic economizing problem, specific economic issues, and policy alternatives. Students who have successfully completed Principles of Macroeconomics are expected to understand 1) the major goals of macroeconomic performance, such as low inflation, high productivity growth, equitable income distribution, high per capita GDP, and low unemployment; 2) the construction of economic variables by which these goals can be measured, such as price indexes, national income and product accounting, unemployment rates, and inflation rates; 3) benchmarks for judging economic performance; 4) the workings of major economic models, and the conditions under which each is relevant; and 5) the proper uses of fiscal and monetary policies under different economic circumstances in order to more closely approach desirable social goals.

Required Text:

Principles of Macroeconomics, 3rd edition, by N. G. Mankiw
ISBN: 0-324-17189-7

Attendance Policy:

Class lectures will be coordinated with the text to present these and other topics to the class. Since lectures will emphasize the most important topics covered in the text and possible announced or unannounced in-class assignments and quizzes may be given, **attendance is expected.**

Exams and Grading:

The course grade will be assigned according to your performance on **three exams, homework/in-class assignments/quizzes, and a required comprehensive final exam.**

Each exam will consist of **multiple choice and short answer/discussion type questions.** Exam dates will be announced in class one week before the scheduled date.

Make-up exam is only given **with prior notification and approval** from the instructor. If you miss one of the exams **with prior notification and approval**, your **final exam score will replace your grade for the missed exam.** If you miss one exam without prior notice and approval, you will get a zero for the missed exam. If you miss 2 exams, you will be given a course grade of U.

Homework may be in-class or take-home. Take-home assignments must be submitted on the date specified. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Questions can be graphical, math problems, short answer questions or end of chapter questions from your textbook. For some homework (which I will specify in class), you may work in groups of three. There are **no make-ups for missed in-class assignments.**

Quizzes will also be given from time to time, some maybe announced and some unannounced. There is no make-up for missed quizzes.

The course grade will be assigned according to the following scale:

Range	Letter Grade
90%-100%	A
80%-89%	B
70%-79%	C
60%-69%	D
< 60%	U

The corresponding grade weights are as follows:

	<u>Weight (%)</u>
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Homework/Quizzes	20%
Finals	20%

Course Outline:

The class will follow the general outline as presented in the textbook. The following is a general outline of the major topics and the corresponding chapters in the textbook:

<u>TOPICS</u>	<u>CHAPTERS</u>
Introduction	
10 Principles of Economics	1
Thinking Like an Economist	2
Interdependence and Gains from Trade	3
Supply and Demand	
Basics of Demand and Supply and Market Equilibrium	4
Exam 1	
The Data of Macroeconomics	
Measuring a Nation's Income	10
Measuring the Cost of Living	11
The Real Economy in the Long Run	
Production and Growth	12
Unemployment and its Natural Rate	15
Exam 2	
Money and Prices in the Long Run	
The Monetary System	16
Money Growth and Inflation	17
Short-Run Economic Fluctuations	
Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	20
Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand	21
Short-Run Tradeoff between Inflation and Unemployment	22
Exam 3	
The Macroeconomics of Open Economies	
Basic Concepts	18
A Macroeconomic Theory of the Open Economy	19

Comprehensive Final Exam

**This syllabus is subject to change.
All changes will be duly noted in class.**