

Syllabus

Econ2020

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TR 2:00-3:15 HUMN 1B50

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Textbook: Krugman, Paul and Robin Wells. (2009). Macroeconomics, Worth Publishers, 2nd edition
Prereq: Econ 2010 (Principles of Microeconomics)

Description

Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole. It examines the aggregate behavior of the economy. This is different from microeconomics, which is the study of the economic behavior of individual consumers, firms, and industries. We will study how economists model the relationships between aggregate economic variables and examine how various fiscal and monetary policies can affect the results. The main goal of this class will be to improve your economic literacy and ability to apply economic models to analyze world events

Recitation

Recitation is intended to give further insight into what you learn in lecture. To that end your recitation assignments and grades will be designed to reinforce what you learn in lecture. Your TA will grade you in recitation as they see fit, and will explain their policy in class. Recitations begin the second week of class.

Grading

Grade Breakdown:
Two Midterms: 25% each
Recitation: 20%
Final exam: 30%

For this class we will be following the book rather closely. However, I may use examples or ideas not in the book in lecture. Anything covered in class is fair game for exams.

There are no makeups for midterm exams for any reason. If you miss any one of your midterms the weight will be applied to your recitation grade and final exam, with 10% counted toward your recitation grade and

15% to your final. In other words, if you miss a midterm your recitation grade will count as 30% of your grade and your final as 45%. If you miss two midterms, the second will count as a zero on your final grade. You cannot reschedule or miss your final exam unless you have three finals on the same day. If this is the case you must bring me evidence of the three exams within the first four weeks of the semester.

There will be no extra credit assignments this semester. However, on three random occasions during the semester I will take attendance for some extra points.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

(Subject to Change)

Chapter	Topic
1-5	Micro Review
6	The Macroeconomy
7	Tracking the Economy
8	Unemployment and Inflation
10	Savings and Investment
11	Income and Expenditures
12	Aggregate Supply and Demand
13	Fiscal Policy
14	Money and Banking
15	Monetary Policy
16	Inflation, Disinflation
9	Long Run Growth
	Final Exam Review

Important Dates

Midterm 1 - Thur, March 1

Midterm 2 - Thur, April 12

Final - Sat May 5 1:30 - 4:00 PM

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