

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE
College of Business & Technology
 DEPT. OF ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

Syllabus
ECON 231 Sections 1 & 3
CRN: #80015 & #80017

COURSE TITLE

Principles of Macro Economics

PROFESSOR

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COURSE MEETING DAY/TIME/ROOM

Section 1
 MWF 11:00 – 11:50 am
 Room: BA 109
 August 25, 2008-December 12, 2008

Section 3
 MWF 9:00 – 9:50 am
 Room: BA 256
 August 25, 2008-December 12, 2008

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduces the student to the workings and interrelationships of the U.S. and world economics. Principles of economic analysis including measurement of aggregate economic activity, national income determination, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, and business fluctuation. Emphasis is given to analyzing real world problems such as poverty, inflation, unemployment, and economic instability

STUDENT OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will:

- Understand and apply the concept of scarcity
- Understand and apply the concept of opportunity cost
- Be able to interpret production possibilities frontier
- Be able to apply the concept of demand and supply to markets and prices.
- Be able to understand and calculate GDP.
- Be able to understand and calculate unemployment
- Understand fiscal policy and its impact within the framework of the AD/AS model.
- Understand the causes and deterrents of economic growth.
- Understand the impact of Monetary Policy on the price level.

REQUIRED COURSE TEXT

Economics – Principles, Applications, and Tools 5th Edition O’Sullivan/Sheffrin/Perez
ISBN-10: 013223565X / ISBN-13: 9780132235655

MyEconLab – you will be required to access and use MyEconLab. Instructions are provided separately. It is required, if you have any difficulty with this requirement please let me know *immediately*.

SUGGESTED READINGS

Economical Writing 2nd Edition Deirdre N. McCloskey

COURSE EVALUATION

All grading will be >90% = A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C and so on with <60% = F
Please also note that if this is required for your major, you will not graduate with a D -- so plan accordingly when deciding the effort to dedicate to the class.

Tests:	4 or 5 exams worth 100 points each
Homework:	Cumulative homework percentage worth points out of 100
Paper:	100 points

Other opportunities may become available.

TESTS

Five exams will be given. The lowest score on an exam will be dropped ***provided you have a score of 60% or better on each of the five homework assignments***. No makeup exams will be given, but again, the lowest score will be dropped. I will actively and aggressively pursue having cheaters expelled from TAMU-C. You may not miss an exam but the lowest exam grade will be dropped. If you missed an exam for whatever reason, this will be the low grade that is dropped, so it doesn’t necessarily hurt your overall grade.

STUDY PLAN

The Study Plan is available in MyEconLab. There are two sample quizzes for each topic in the book. I suggest you read the book, then take a sample quiz within the study plan to self-assess which parts you understood and which parts you struggled with.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be available through MyEconLab. The homework is a high-frequency/low-stakes way to learn the material and improve your grade. You can continue to work on the assignments and improve your grade until the due-date so you have every incentive to start early. Don’t skip this, it is enough points to bring your grade down.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Written communication is often how people form their first impression of you. Effective written communication is critical to your professional success and takes practice.

We will do one paper related to international trade. This will be **due on November 24th**.

You will be required to submit your writing assignment in two formats: it must be submitted to www.turnitin.com and a printed version submitted in class on the due date. The class ID for www.turnitin.com is **2346622** and the password is **Pride**. Ratings of higher than 30% will not be accepted.

If you are having difficulty with your writing there are several resources available to you that you should take advantage of.

TRIO programs – has some qualification requirements, see application 886-5731
The Writing Center - one location in the Library and one in the English Dept.

If I think you need substantial help with a paper you will be required to get help from one of these sources. The paper will be counted as a zero until I receive documentation from The Writing Center or from TRIO that you have received help. Then the paper will be graded as if it was a first submission.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4

Test – week of 9/8

Chapters 5, 6, 7

Test – week of 9/29 (I will be gone this week)

Chapters 8, 9, 10

Test – week of 10/27

Chapters 12, 13, 14, 19.1-19.3

Test – week of 11/17

Paper – due on 11/24

Chapters 15, 16, 17, 18*

Test – week of 12/8 (finals week)

The schedule here is *tentative and may be changed based on progress and comprehension*. Changes are unanticipated but will be made if necessary.

STUDENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Students are required to use leo.tamu-commerce.edu email address for email communication.
- Please email me or call during office hours instead of leaving voice mail messages on my phone.
- Cheating on exams or plagiarizing assignments will absolutely not be tolerated. You must read the TAMU-Commerce Academic Honesty Policy posted in the first week. Continuing in the class is an implicit agreement to abide by the terms of the Honesty Policy. If you are caught cheating in this class, you and anyone else involved will receive an F for the class. I take this VERY seriously and do a fair amount of research into any suspicious results or similarities. Online cheating is actually much easier to detect than you would expect. Depending on the severity of the offense, you may be expelled from the University for Academic Dishonesty.
- The deadline for dropping a class is **November 28th**. However, if you are not passing, you must request to drop before **November 3rd**, or you will receive a Drop-Fail (unless you're passing).
- Refer to Student's Guide Book located at: www.tamu-commerce.edu/studentlife/guidebook.htm

STUDENTS with DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Halladay Student Services Building
Room 303 A/D
Telephone: (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
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