

**Syllabus: ECON 301 A: Intermediate Macroeconomics
Spring 2024**

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Lectures:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 - 10:20 (THO 134)

Office Hours:

Mondays 4:30 – 5:30 pm (Zoom)

Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30 am (SAV 319G)

Disclaimer: This syllabus is tentative and may be subject to change.

Student Learning Goals:

- Understand how aggregate economic activity is measured at the level of a nation
- Understand how basic models of the economy summarize and explain the interactions between these main macroeconomic measures, output, employment, and inflation
- Understand what causes economic activity to fluctuate over the years, from recessions to full employment and back
- Understand the links between the domestic economy and the rest of the world
- Understand how the economy grows in the very long run through capital accumulation

Textbook and Related Reading Material:

The required textbook is N. Gregory Mankiw – Macroeconomics – 11th ed. – Worth Publishers Macmillan Learning NY. **You are also required to purchase the associated access to the publisher's online homework site (Achieve).** I recommend you purchase the bundled e-book and website access via Canvas for the best price. A two-week free trial is available for those who are unsure about continuing in the class.

Lecture Slides: Lecture slides will be posted on canvas prior to the lecture.

Lectures: This class is conducted in-person. Students are expected to participate in class to fully benefit from course activities and meet the course's learning objectives. To protect their fellow students, faculty, and staff, students who feel ill or exhibit possible COVID symptoms should not come to class. Attendance is not required but is highly recommended.

Following is the grade breakup:

- **Achieve weekly homework: 20%**
- **Midterm exam on May, 2nd, 2024: 40%**
- **Final exam (cumulative) on June 4th, 2024: 40%**

Extra Credit: Final exam will contain extra questions worth 10 extra credit points.

Chapters to be covered:

Introduction: Chapters 1 and 2

Economy in the long run: Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Economy in the very long run: Chapter 8

Economy in the short run: Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15

Evaluating student learning:

• **Homework via Achieve:** There will be a set of questions assigned in Achieve, **due on Monday at midnight. Your Homework will be worth 20% of your course grade. The lowest grade will be dropped.** The grade for the first homework assignment (*HW 0*) will not count as part of your course grade. This first HW will act as a practice run.

Homework Policy

- Weekly homework will be due Monday night
- Late submission policy: for every 24 hours past the time, an additional 25% will be taken off.
- The lowest grade will be dropped.
- For each question, you will have two attempts (with 15% penalty on second attempt). If you are wrong the first time, then you can get up to 85%. If you cannot get the correct answers at the second chance, then you will receive a zero for that question.
- Solutions for the HW will be shown after the due date.

• **Exams:** There will be **two closed book exams: midterm and final exam (cumulative)**. All tests will be conducted **in-person**. **No cheat sheet** will be allowed in the exams. If you miss any exam, you must inform the instructor and arrange for make-up exam.

• **Learning curve:** You can take adaptive quizzes and end of chapter problems on Achieve (not assigned on canvas). These are **not graded (optional)** and are for your additional exercise.

The Schedule of Readings, the exam dates, and other deadlines can be found on the Canvas site.

Grading and the grade scale:

The grading policy of the Department of Economics sets the upper boundary for the Median grade in principles of economics courses at 3.1. We will maintain a median grade for this course in the 2.9-3.1 range.

Academic Honesty

Exams are individual work and cheating will not be tolerated. Looking at a neighbor's exam is considered cheating. If a student is seen committing this act, they will not be allowed to continue taking their exam. The neighbor sitting next to the student will also be duly punished if they are seen as facilitating this act of cheating. Altering an exam before submitting it for a review of the grading, obtaining an advance copy of an examination, or arranging for a surrogate test-taker are all flagrant violations of University policy. Cheating of any kind may result in expulsion from the University. The Department will follow University policy in case of academic misconduct. I strongly recommend that you review University policy at <http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/help/academichonesty.php>

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions, which range from a disciplinary warning to permanent expulsion from the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct.

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For more information visit the Safe Campus website at [*www.washington.edu/safecampus*](http://www.washington.edu/safecampus)

Religious Accommodations

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