

# ECON 201J

## Introduction to Macroeconomics

### Syllabus

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**Introduction.** I'll be teaching our introductory course in macroeconomics, which builds on the concepts covered in your ECON 200 course. Please read this syllabus carefully, as it may answer many questions you have about the course. If you have questions after reading, you can contact me at the email address above.

You should have easy access to our textbook, *Mankiw, G. Principles of Macroeconomics, 6th Edition*, as we will follow it closely throughout the quarter. I will typically introduce new material Monday through Thursday. Friday's class will be reserved for practice problems, student questions, class discussion, and exams. A minimum grade of D- is required to gain five credits for the course.

**Course Guidelines.** The following guidelines apply for the course, but may be superseded in class or on the course website. When in doubt, it is your responsibility to ask for clarification.

*Assignments.* Homework will be announced in class or on the course website, and must be uploaded to the course website. You will find scanners in Suzzallo Library that can be used for this purpose. Grades are based on participation only. I will circulate solutions after each submission date.

*Exams.* There will be three exams in this course: a quiz, a midterm and a final. All are closed book, closed notes. Unless otherwise specified, you may use any simple calculator with no programming capabilities. Please be aware that in general no makeup exams will be given.

*Attendance.* Your attendance is encouraged, but not required. If you miss class, you are still responsible for the material covered and should get class notes from a fellow student. No class will be held on Memorial Day (5/25/15).

*Office Hours.* My experience is that office hours are an under-utilized resource. I encourage you to come with questions related to homework or course material, or with any general questions you might have about economics as a major.

*Grading.* The median grade for the course will be 3.1 on the 4.0 scale. Final grades will be determined by performance on homework, a quiz, a midterm, and a final exam. The following weights apply:

Homework	10%	Due weekly on Sundays at 11:59pm
Quiz	10%	Thursday, April 16, 2015, 9:30-10:20, ARC G070
Midterm	30%	Monday, May 18, 2015, 9:30-10:20, ARC G070
Final	50%	Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 8:30-10:20, ARC G070

**Learning Goals.** At the end of this term, you should have a basic understanding of the following topics:

1. Aggregate economic variables: GDP & prices
2. Long run economics growth
3. Saving & investment
4. Unemployment
5. Money and banking system
6. Short term economic fluctuations
7. Monetary policy
8. Fiscal policy
9. Open economy macroeconomics

You should be able to apply this understanding to analyze the current domestic economic environment, policy debates, and international events.

**Tentative Schedule.** The following schedule is tentative. Please read all class announcements or announcements made to the course website for changes to the schedule.

Week	Content
1	Mankiw Chapter 10 & 11: GDP & Price Level
2	Mankiw Chapter 12: Growth
3	Mankiw Chapter 13: Savings & Investment; Quiz
4	Mankiw Chapter 15: Unemployment
5	Mankiw Chapter 16: Monetary System
6	Mankiw Chapter 17: Inflation
7	Mankiw Chapter 20: Short-run Fluctuations; Midterm
8	Mankiw Chapter 21: Short-run Policy
9	Mankiw Chapter 22: Phillips Curve
10	Exam Preparation

**Grading scale.** The following grade distribution will be applied to percentage scores to determine your final grade:

% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade	% Grade	4.0 Scale	Letter Grade
100.0%	4.0	A	57.5%	2.3	C+
97.5%	3.9	A	55.0%	2.2	C+
95.0%	3.8	A-	52.5%	2.1	C
92.5%	3.7	A-	50.0%	2.0	C
90.0%	3.6	A-	47.5%	1.9	C
87.5%	3.5	A-	45.0%	1.8	C-
85.0%	3.4	B+	42.5%	1.7	C-
82.5%	3.3	B+	40.0%	1.6	C-
80.0%	3.2	B+	37.5%	1.5	C-
77.5%	3.1	B	35.0%	1.4	D+
75.0%	3.0	B	32.5%	1.3	D+
72.5%	2.9	B	30.0%	1.2	D+
70.0%	2.8	B-	27.5%	1.1	D
67.5%	2.7	B-	25.0%	1.0	D
65.0%	2.6	B-	22.5%	0.9	D
62.5%	2.5	B-	20.0%	0.8	D-
60.0%	2.4	C+	17.5%	0.7	D-

**Academic Honesty.** Exams are individual work and cheating will not be tolerated. Students must not glance at their neighbors exams. Students must not change their answers after they have turned their exam in.

Check the student handbook for further information about cheating, plagiarism etc. Cheating of any kind may result in expulsion from the university. The Department of Economics will follow university policy in case of academic dishonesty. These rules complement/supplement the university rules, which can be found online.

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the Department's rules for student conduct and evaluation of student learning. Students accused of academic misconduct will be referred directly to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct for disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Conduct Code and, if found guilty, will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions range from a disciplinary warning, to academic probation, to immediate dismissal for the Department and the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. Dismissal can be, and has been, applied even for first offenses. Moreover, a grade of zero can be assigned by the instructor for the course.