

ECON 201B

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 introductory microeconomics course. I prefer if you call me by my first name, Rory. 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, 7th Edition*, as we will follow it closely throughout the quarter. I will typically introduce new material Monday through Thursday, and discuss practice problems and student questions on Fridays.

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 The following guidelines apply for the course, but may be superseded in class or on the course website.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. Grading will be based on participation. I will circulate solutions in class after each submission date.

Exams. There will be two exams in this course: a midterm and a final. All are closed book, closed notes, and cumulative. I will ask students to sit in alphabetical order on exam days. 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 July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Office Hours. I encourage you to come to office hours with questions related to homework or course material, or with any general questions you might have about economics as a major. Participating in office hours is particularly important if you find yourself struggling with the material. To make

planning easier, I ask that you email me one day in advance of any office hour you plan to attend. Otherwise, I may not be in my office.

Grading. The median grade for the course will be 3.1 on the 4.0 scale, as dictated by department policy. Final grades will be determined by performance on homeworks, the midterm, and the final exam. The following weights apply:

Homework	10%	Due weekly on Sundays at 11:59pm
Midterm	40%	Friday, July 17, 2015, 10:50-11:50, THO 334
Final	50%	Friday, August 21, 2015, 10:50-11:50, THO 334

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

1. Aggregate economic variables
2. Long run economic 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 (time allowing)

You should seek to understand each concept intuitively, graphically, and analytically. You should also be able to apply the material to current events and policy debates in economics.

Tentative Schedule. The following schedule is tentative. Changes to the schedule may be announced in class or on the course website.

Week	Topic
1	GDP & Price Level
2	Growth
3	Savings & Investment
4	Tools of Finance
5	Unemployment
6	Monetary system
7	Money & inflation
8	Short-run fluctuations
9	Short-run policy

Grading scale. The following grade distribution will be applied to your 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. 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.

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.