

# ECON 201B

## Introduction to Macroeconomics

### Syllabus

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**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. If your schedule conflicts with the office hours specified above and you want to meet me during other times when you are available, I ask that you send me an e-mail in advance so that I might be able to accommodate your needs. There will be no office hours during the first week.

**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, "Seunghan" or more briefly "Han." 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, *Krugman and Wells. Macroeconomics, 4th Edition*, as we will follow it closely throughout the quarter. I will typically introduce new material based on the textbook.

**Course Guidelines.** The following guidelines apply for the course, but may be superseded in class or on the course website.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.

**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.

**Assignments** Homework will be announced in class or on the course website, and you must submit hard copy. I will give you answer keys for all homework just after their deadlines. I recommend you to study and solve homework with your classmates. It will be a good practice for the study of exams.

**Exams** There will be three exams in this course. All are closed book, closed notes, and not cumulative. Unless otherwise specified, you may use any simple calculator with no programming capabilities. **Please be aware that in general no makeup process will be given.**

**Article Responses** There will be 1 article response: 2-3 page + graphs. For it, you will find a news article from a major newspaper or periodical related to a course topic taught in the class. We will not accept articles from aggregators (Google, Yahoo, AP feeds), nor from blogs or opinion pieces, even if they are hosted on news sites. You must describe, in your own words, the issues presented in the article, and then summarize how the material taught in class explains the information, events, or

phenomenon in the article. This economic explanation must relate to a theoretical graph (one with some sort of equilibrium, like Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply). The graph must be drawn and included in your paper. **You must submit hard copy. Late submissions are not accepted.**

*Grading* The median grade for the course will be in the 2.8-3.1 range on the 4.0 scale, as dictated by department policy. Final grades will be determined by performance on homework, article response, and exams.

The following weights apply:

Homework 18%, Article Response 4%, Midterm1 20%, Midterm2 25%, Final 30% and Attendance 3%

***Tentative Schedule.*** Below is a tentative schedule to help you plan ahead and think about course readings. More than likely the dates when we cover material will shift as we get behind or ahead, so I'll update you as these things change.

Week		Topic	Assignment (Due)
Week 1	6/20-6/24	Introduction, Ch.1, Ch.2, Ch.3	
Week 2	6/27-7/1	Ch.6, Ch.7	HW1 (7/1)
Week 3	7/5-7/8	Ch.7, Ch.8	HW2 (7/8)
Week 4	7/11-7/15	Ch.9, Ch.10	Midterm 1 (7/11)
Week 5	7/18-7/22	Ch.10, Ch.11	HW3 (7/22)
Week 6	7/25-7/29	Ch.11, Ch.12	HW4 (7/29)
Week 7	8/1-8/5	Ch.13, Ch.14	Midterm 2 (8/1), AR (8/5)
Week 8	8/8-8/12	Ch.14, Ch.15	HW5 (8/11)
Week 9	8/15-8/19	Ch.16, Review	HW6 (8/18), Final Exam (8/19)

***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.