

ECON 201D

Introduction to Macroeconomics

Syllabus

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A2QCNDWVF5IopCXs9KseIC9zA0TzQ2vSydhUhKv2pUk/>

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. Also, Please sign up on the google sheet provided above if you plan to go to my office hour.

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, "Weilun" (DON'T call me Professor Shi, or Mr. Shi). My pronoun is he/him/his. 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, 6 th 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 The following guidelines apply for the course, but may be superseded in class or on the course website.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. I will give bonus points for those people who actively participate in the class.

Assignments Homework will be announced in class and released in canvas, and you must do all homework. The e-book version of the textbook along with assignments should be available on Monday morning every week, and due at 11:59pm on Sunday. So you have 7 days to do every homework. You only have one attempt for every homework. Once you finished and submitted, you will be graded based on proportion of questiones you answered correctly. I recommend you to study and solve homework on your own, but cooperation on homework is allowed.

Platform. We will use Canvas as our main tool of homework assessment, making announcement and article response assessment. Please send me an email if you have trouble enrolling the class.

Exams. There will be midterm and final exams in this course. All are closed book, half-open notes(you can bring up to one page A4 cheatsheet), 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. Please refer to the DRS if you have any medical emergency.

Course and Exam Delivery. In ECON 201D, lectures will be offered in person. They will not be recorded and made available for remote viewing. Office hours will be offered in person or via zoom(Please indicate your preference while you sign up). Article response must be submitted remotely via Canvas. Exams will be given in person. Students will be able to complete the class remotely, if needed. The format of exams/instruction may be altered.

Article Responses. There will be 2 article responses: **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. I 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 Supply and Demand, the PPF). The graph must be drawn and included in your paper. You must submit on the canvas. 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 homeworks, article responses, class participation and exams.

The following weights apply:

Homeworks **20%**, Article Responses **10%**, Midterm **30%**, Final **30%**, and Attendance **10%**

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	3/29, 3/31	Introduction, Ch.1, Ch.2, Ch.3	
Week 2	4/5, 4/7	Ch.7, Ch.8	
Week 3	4/12, 4/14	Ch.8	HW1 (4/17)
Week 4	4/19, 4/21	Ch.10, Ch.11	AR1 (4/24)
Week 5	4/26, 4/28	Ch.11, Ch.12	HW2 (5/1)
Week 6	5/3, 5/5	Midterm (5/3), Ch.12	
Week 7	5/10, 5/12	Ch.13	
Week 8	5/17, 5/19	Ch.14	HW3 (5/22)
Week 9	5/24, 5/26	Ch.15	AR2 (5/29)
Week 10	5/31, 6/2	Final exam review (5/31)	

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.