

ECON 201 D: INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMICS

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Time: Tue/Thu 6:30-8:20 PM, THO 325

Office Hour: **Tue 11am-12/ Thu 1-2pm, SAV 319B**

Course Pages:

- <https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1786197>

Textbook:

- No required textbook for this course.
- Recommend: Macroeconomics, Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, Six or Seventh Edition

Grading:

- Two Midterms (50%), 2 HW (25%), two in-class quizzes (15%), and class participation(10%).
- **Late assignments will not be accepted.**
- Grades in this class will be curved so that the **median** student gets a grade point around **3.3**. I will post the distribution of grades after each midterm.

Objectives: This course serves as an introduction to the principles of macroeconomics. Macroeconomics is the study of economic behavior in the aggregate, including but not limited to how the economy grows and changes in short and long-run, and whether we need regulations or monetary policy. We will consider topics such as inflation, unemployment, business cycles, and growth. By the end of this class, you should be able to:

1. Understand and be able to use macroeconomic terminology
2. Understand the difference between macro and micro.
3. Having a big picture of how research topics in macroeconomics evolve.
4. Explain how economics behaves in the short and long run.
5. Analyze causes of growth and recession.
6. Analyze government policies and institutions. Think about why we need them?

Timeline

week	Tue	Thu	Fri (Due Midnight)
Week 1	4/1 Unit: 1-3 Review of micro: supply/demand	4/3 Unit: 4,5 Review of micro: price control, trade	
Week 2	4/8 Unit: 6,7 Intro of Macro+GDP	4/10 Unit: 8 Unemployment+inflation	
Week 3	4/15 Unit: 9+ Q1 Economic growth	4/17 Unit:10 Saving and Financial	
Week 4	4/22 Unit:11+12 Income and expenditure	4/24 Unit:12 AD/AS	4/25 HW1
Week 5	4/29 Review 1	5/1 Midterm 1	
Week 6	5/6 Unit: 13 Fiscal Policy	5/8 Unit: 14 Money and bank	
Week 7	5/13 Unit: 15 Monetary Policy	5/15 Unit: 15 Monetary Policy	
Week 8	5/20 Unit: 16+ Q2 Inflation	5/22 Unit: 16 Inflation	
Week 9	5/27 Unit: 17	5/29 Unit: 18 International Macro	5/30 HW2
Week 10	6/3 Review 2	6/5 Midterm2	

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