

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
EC 202.06: PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS
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Course Description:

This course will introduce you to macroeconomics, which is the study of aggregate economic activity. It will cover materials including the determination of national income and the price level, unemployment and inflation. The effects of fiscal and monetary policies on an economy will also be considered. The course will equip you with tools and concepts that should enable you to critically analyze the behavior of the macro-economy as well as make rational economic decisions.

Prerequisite: Econ 201- Principles of Microeconomics

Required Material:

Text: Mankiw, N. Gregory, Principles of Macroeconomics, 4th Edition (2007).

Common Body of Knowledge Content Coverage:

This course provides a basic understanding of the macroeconomic environment as pertains to profit and/or nonprofit organizations along with ethical considerations and social and political influences as they affect such organizations.

This is a core course in the curriculum of the College of Business and Economics (CBE), and the following key perspectives are addressed in the course outline: (i) Ethical issues; (ii) Global issues; (iii) Political, social, legal, regulatory and environmental issues; (iv) Technological issues; and (v) The impact of demographic diversity on organizations.

General Education Information:

This course meets the General Education (G.E.) requirement in category III.C.2- Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Social Sciences. It includes the following goals for student learning: a. to understand broad, unifying themes in the social sciences from cross-disciplinary perspectives; b. to solve complex problems that require social science reasoning; c. to relate the social sciences to significant social problems and to other related disciplines; and d. to improve writing skills.

The main purpose of the degree program at the College of Business & Economics (CBE) at Cal State Fullerton is to provide you with the knowledge and skills that prepare you for a successful career in business. In order to assist us in achieving this goal, we will use a number of assessment tools to track your progress through the CBE curriculum. Please expect to participate in CBE assessment activities in several of your courses while at the CBE. As you do so, you will assist us in identifying our program's strengths and weaknesses as well as areas for potential improvement. In other words, you are making an important investment in the value of your degree.

Course Requirements and Grading

The course meets for two lectures per week. You are expected to read the text carefully, attend all classes and work through homework problems. The solutions to homework problems will be given to you. If you do not understand them, please schedule an appointment or see me during office hours as soon as you can. Home work assignments will not be graded, but constitute an essential component of course. Additional instructions on problem sets will be provided in class.

Quizzes will be administered at regular intervals with the objective to facilitate understanding of the material in class. These will also provide you with hands on preparations for exams.

There will be three in-class exams, i.e. two midterms and a final. During an exam, **you will not be allowed to leave the classroom**. Furthermore, no cell phones, PDA, etc or graphing calculators will be allowed. Your work on exams must be entirely yours. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the academic integrity policy. Anyone caught **cheating** under any circumstances gets an **automatic 'F' grade**. There will be **no make-up exams**. Exceptions will be made only on the basis of verifiable medical reasons or official university excuse. There will also be **writing assignment**, details of which will be disseminated as the course progresses.

Any act of **plagiarism**, which of course constitutes cheating will be severely punished. Also, **no disruptive behavior** (chatting during lectures inclusive) will be tolerated.

Grading: Final grades for the course will be determined as follows:

Writing	20%
Quizzes	10%
Midterm I	15%
Midterm II	15%
Final	40%

Plus/Minus grading will be used, and the final grades will be based on a relative rather than absolute scale. That is, your final grade will depend on your total score and how that compares to the class as a whole. This should mostly work to your advantage!

Note: The lecture schedule is subject to change upon notice from the professor. However, all exams will take place as scheduled. The professor also reserves the prerogative to reward students on the basis of classroom participation as and when it is deemed necessary.

Class Schedule

Jan 22-Feb 19	Measuring National Income	Mankiw, Ch. 10
	Measuring Cost of Living	Mankiw, Ch. 11
	Production and Growth	Mankiw, Ch. 12
	Savings, Investment, and Financial System	Mankiw, Ch. 13
	Unemployment	Mankiw, Ch. 15**
Tue. Feb 19	Midterm Exam I	
Feb 27-Mar 27	Aggregate Demand /Aggregate Supply	Mankiw, Ch. 20
	The Monetary System	Mankiw, Ch. 16
	Monetary Policy, Fiscal Policy and Aggregate Demand	Mankiw, Ch. 21
	Money Growth and Inflation	Mankiw, Ch. 17
Thu. Mar 27	Midterm Exam II	
Mar 31- Apr 6	SPRING BREAK	
Apr. 5-May 15	Inflation and Unemployment in the Short-run	Mankiw, Ch. 22
	Open Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts	Mankiw, Ch. 18
	Macroeconomic Theory of an Open Economy	Mankiw, Ch. 19
	Macroeconomic Policy Debates	Mankiw, Ch. 23
	Review	
Thu. May 15	Final Exam	9:30 - 11:20 a.m.

**May be moved to the latter part of the course.