



College of Business Administration
Department of Economics
Principles of Macroeconomics
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Course Outline

Time	:	Monday, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Location	:	BA II - 210.
Office	:	BA II - 302.
Office Hours	:	Monday, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. OR by scheduled appointment.
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Catalog Description: ECO 2013, Principles of Macroeconomics: An introduction to macroeconomics, including an overview of the market economy, national income, employment, and price level determination, stabilization policies, and international economics.

Course Objective

Macroeconomics is the most interesting and core part of economics. This course is an introductory level of macroeconomics. Students should be able to **master basic definitions** and be able to **reasonably and effectively discuss (i.e., understand and forecast the effects of a change in) any U.S. economic policy issues** by the end of the course. You will be provided with a clear and consistent framework for understanding economic theory and policymaking. Given the introductory level of the class, there will be an emphasis on the empirical nature of the short-run and the long-run characteristics of the U.S. economy. Also, we will address the art of macroeconomics model building. The derivations of economic theories - presented here - require little knowledge of algebra and calculus. In model building, the approach is even-handed and not biased toward a particular school of thought.

Students are responsible for *all* materials covered in class that is presented in the textbook, in the study guide and in the lecture notes.

Attendance at lectures is not mandatory but is recommended. **If you are experiencing any difficulty in this class (or any other), please arrange a meeting with me to discuss it.**

E-mail Policy, Lecture Notes and Class Web Page

During weekdays, I should be able to answer your e-mail within 24 hours. All of the PowerPoint class notes are available at the class web page. Visit the class web page regularly for announcements. Class announcements – posted at the class web page – are part of your curriculum. Also, visit the class web page for the conversion table of grades. I adopt the plus/minus letter grades as outlines at the class web page. **The lecture notes are not substitutes for the textbook; they are a complement to the textbook.**

Office Hours

If my office hours (stated above) conflict with your schedule and you need to see me, please let me know so I can arrange a mutually acceptable time to meet.

Required Book

Frank, Robert, and Ben Bernanke. (2004) *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 2nd Edition, Irwin McGraw Hill, Inc. ISBN: 0-07-255410-X.

The Study Guide by Jack Mogab and Bruce McClung included with the textbook is highly recommended. **The DiscoverEcon CDROM** by Gerald Nelson is also highly recommended.

The Online Learning Center:

Visit the book Web site, <http://www.mhhe.com/economics/frankbernanke2/> The web site contains a host of features that will enhance the principles classroom, including dynamic graphs, e-mail updates, macroeconomic experiments, current news articles, and more.

Evaluation (Preliminary)

Quiz I (January 26, 2004)	10 %	
Quiz II (February 11, 2004)	10 %	
Quiz III (March 3, 2004)	10 %	
Quiz IV (March 24, 2004)	10 %	
Quiz V (April 14, 2004)	10 %	
Term Paper (April 19, 2004)	10 %	
Final Exam (April 26, 2004)	50 %	The FINAL EXAM is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

I expect you to uphold the guidelines of the Golden Rules, <http://www.ucf.edu/goldenrule>

Only, your best four quizzes will count toward your final grade. No extra-credit assignment is given. No early or make-up exams will be given. The outline (guideline) for the term paper is handed to you on a separate sheet. The Final Exam is held on Monday, April 26, 2004 from **4:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.**

Assignments

On the class web page, I will regularly post a set of assignments. If you undertake these assignments (in a group), I will correct them and hand them back to you, but no grade will be allocated to these assignments. The purpose of these assignments is to prepare the student for the quizzes.

Class Structure

The class will be held in an active-discussion framework. Due to the class size and the limited class time, I suggest that students form study groups outside of class to work through the study guide and end-of-chapter problems.

Reading List

Weeks 1 – 2 – 3	Introduction , Scarcity, Comparative Advantage and International Trade, Supply and Demand. Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 16.	
Week 3	Monday, January 19, 2004	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Week 4	Monday, January 26, 2004	QUIZ I – Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 16.
Weeks 4 – 5 – 6	Definitions and Measurements: The View of the Economy, GDP and Unemployment, the Price level and Inflation, and Other Aggregate Economic Variables. Chapters 4, 5 and 6.	
Week 6	Wednesday, February 11, 2004	QUIZ II – Chapters 4, 5 and 6.
Weeks 7 – 8 – 9	The Long Run: Economic Growth, Productivity, Living Standards, Workers, Wages, Unemployment, Saving and Capital Formation, Money, Prices and the Federal Reserve. Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10.	
Week 9	Wednesday, March 3, 2004	QUIZ III – Chapters 7, 8 and 9.
Week 10	March 8, 2004 – March 13, 2004	SPRING BREAK
Weeks 11 – 12	The Financial Economy: Money, Prices, the Federal Reserve, the Financial Markets and the International Capital Flows. Chapters 10 and 11.	
Week 12	Wednesday, March 24, 2004	QUIZ IV – Chapters 10 and 11.
Weeks 13 – 14 – 15	The Short Run: Fluctuations and the Business Cycle, Spending and Expenditure, Stabilization, the Role of the Treasury, the Role of the Federal Reserve System, Inflation and Aggregate Supply. Chapters 12, 13, 14 and 15.	
Week 15	Wednesday, April 14, 2004	QUIZ V – Chapters 12 to 15.
Weeks 15 - 16	The International Economy: International Trade, Trade Policy, Exchange Rates and the Open Economy. Chapters 16 and 17.	

Important Academic Dates and Deadlines

Classes Begin	January 5
Late Registration and Add/Drop, (ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day)	January 6-9
Withdrawal Deadline	February 27
Registration by Appointment and Add/Drop	April 5-April 22
Classes End; Last Day to Remove Incomplete	April 19
Final Examination Period	April 20-26
Grades Available on POLARIS (begins at 9 a.m.)	May 1
Commencement	April 30 - May 1
Spring 2004 Holidays	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 19
Spring Break	March 8-13
Spring 2004 Special Events	
Founder's Day Honors Convocation	April 7

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