Spring 1999 Econ 2020-100 - Prof. David Carr

Principles of Macroeconomics - Syllabus

Textbooks:

- Principles of Macroeconomics, by N. Gregory Mankiw - REQUIRED
- Econ Active CD-ROM for Mankiw, by David L. Carr - OPTIONAL
- Studyguide for Mankiw, by David R. Hakes - OPTIONAL

Important Dates for Econ 2020-100 - Spring 1999

- 11-Jan. (Mon.) - 1st Day of Class - Intro to the Website
- 18-Jan. (Mon.) - No class! - MLK Holiday
- 19-Jan. (Tue.) - Recitations begin meeting
- 29-Jan. (Fri.) - Extra Credit due IN RECITATION
- 12-Feb. (Fri.) - Exam #1 - (IN CLASS) - Ch. 1-6 on reading list
- 19-Mar. (Fri.) - Exam #2 - (IN CLASS) - Ch. 7-14 on reading list
- 22-26 Mar. - No class! - Spring Break
- 3-May (Mon.) - Last day of class and recitation
- 6-May (Thur. - 3:30-6:30PM) - CUMULATIVE Final Exam in Chem 140

Grading Policy:

- 100 pts. - EXAM1
- 100 pts. - EXAM2
- 100 pts. - Recitation
- 200 pts. - Final Exam
- 500 pts. - Total

During the course, there will be three exams. The first exam covers chapters 1-6 on the reading list, and the second exam covers chapters 7-14. The first two exams are NOT cumulative. The final exam IS cumulative. Each of the first two exams will contain 40 multiple choice questions, and the final will contain 100 multiple choice questions.

Your recitation grade will be made up of homeworks and quizzes, consisting of 7 homework assignments (10 points each) and 2 quizzes (20 points each). You may drop your lowest HOMEWORK assignment - you may NOT drop a quiz. Be sure to turn in your assignments on time, as there are NO makeup assignments given, and NO late work will be accepted for credit.

***If you bring a PRINTED (NOT COPIED) syllabus to your recitation BY Fri. 29-Jan., your TA will give you 5 bonus points towards your recitation grade. Therefore, while your recitation grade is 100 total points, you might earn as much as 105 points. You must have YOUR OWN syllabus (you cannot share), and these points will only be given during recitations meeting between Tue. 19-Jan. and Fri. 29-Jan.
Principles of Macroeconomics - Reading List

This is a topic list, in the order we'll be covering them. In parentheses, I have put the approximate date when each topic will be started. These are not exact dates, but should help you if you're trying to read ahead in the textbook.

I. Ten Principles of Economics - W-1/13
II. Thinking Like an Economist - F-1/15
III. Interdependence and the Gains from Trade - F-1/22
IV. The Market Forces of Supply and Demand - W-1/27
V. Elasticity and Its Application - W-2/3
VI. Supply, Demand, and Government Policies - M-2/8
VII. Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets - M-2/15
VIII. Application: The Costs of Taxation - F-2/19
IX. Application: International Trade - W-2/24
X. Measuring a Nation's Income - M-3/1
XI. Measuring the Cost of Living - F-3/5
XII. Production and Growth - M-3/8
XIII. Saving, Investment, and the Financial System - F-3/12
XIV. The Natural Rate of Unemployment - W-3/17
V-3/19 - Exam#2 - Covers ch. 1-6
XV. The Monetary System - M-3/29
XVI. Inflation: Its Causes and Costs - M-4/5
XVII. Open-Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts - F-4/9
XVIII. A Macroeconomic Theory of the Open Economy - W4/14
XIX. Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply - M-4/19
XX. The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand - F-4/23
XXI. The Short-Run Tradeoff between Inflation and Unemployment - W-4/28
XXII. Five Debates over Macroeconomic Policy - M-5/3
R-5/6 - Final Exam - This exam is CUMULATIVE. 3:30-6:30 in Chem140