Syllabus
Econ 3080
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MWF 1-1:50 MUEN E431

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Description
Macroeconomics is the study of the aggregate economy. We will explore the determinants of both long
term trends and short term fluctuations (business cycles) and explore the roles that consumers, firms, and
governments play in the economy. Over the course of the semester we will cover long run growth, aggregate
demand and supply, unemployment and wages, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, as well as applying the
tools of analysis to the recent recession. In the end you will have the technical tools necessary to intelligently
read about and discuss current and past macroeconomic events.

Prerequisites
1. ECON 1000 or ECON 2020 or equivalent from another institution.
2. ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310, or MATH 1081, or MATH 1080, 1090 and
   1100, or APPM 1350, or equivalent from another institution.

This course requires basic calculus and algebra tools. It will be assumed that students posses these
and there will be no formal math review.

Attendance
Attendance will not be taken as it is your responsibility to come to class. I strongly recommend that you
come to class, engage, and ask questions. However, I may occasionally give bonus points for attendance on
random dates. My notes will NOT be available online so if you miss a lecture you must get notes from a
classmate. Additionally, I reserve the right to test on anything covered in class, regardless of whether it is
in the book.
Grading

Grade Breakdown:
Two Midterms 25% each
Final Exam (cumulative) 30%
Homework 20%

If you miss any one of your midterms there will be no makeups for any reason and the weight of
the first midterm will be placed as 15% added to your final, and 10% added to your other midterm. If you
miss the second midterm the entire 25% will be applied to your final. If you miss two midterms, the second
will count as a zero on your final grade. You cannot reschedule or miss your final exam unless you have
three finals on the same day. If this is the case you must bring me evidence of the three exams within the
first four weeks of the semester.

Homework

As we progress through the semester I will post problem sets on my website. A hard copy is due at the
beginning of class on the given date. They are intended to apply the theory and concepts from the textbook
and lecture and help prepare you for the exams. I encourage you to work in small groups on these assignments,
though I require everyone to turn in their own copy.

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Important Dates

Midterm 1 - Fri, Sep 30
Midterm 2 - Wed, Nov 2
Final - Tue Dec 13, 1:30-4:00

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