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Course Meetings: MWF 11-11:50 am       MCOL W100

Required Text: Principles of Macroeconomics (3rd edition) by N. Gregory Mankiw

Optional Text: Study Guide to accompany Principles of Macroeconomics

Course Description:
Principles of Macroeconomics is a companion course with Principles of Microeconomics. While microeconomics focused on decisions of individuals and firms, this course will introduce you to the economic fundamentals of the economy as a whole.

Grading: | Exam Schedule:
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Recitation 12% | Exam 1 Jan. 31
In Class Problems 10% | Exam 2 Feb. 23
Exam 1 12% | Exam 3 Mar. 18
Exam 2 12% | Exam 4 Apr. 20
Exam 3 12% | Final May 5th 10:30am-1:00pm
Exam 4 12% | Final May 5th 10:30am-1:00pm
Final Exam 30% | Final May 5th 10:30am-1:00pm

Exams:
There will be four exams and a cumulative final. Tests will consist of multiple-choice questions and some longer problems. Exams during the semester are not cumulative, but the material does build on itself so it is important to understand all of the concepts as we go. No makeup exams will be given. If you miss an exam for any reason, then the weight of your final exam will be increased by the weight of that exam. There are no exceptions to this rule. If you currently have a conflict with one of the exam dates, you may take the exam early provided you make arrangements with me by January 31st. Do not ask to take the final early unless you have three finals on that same day.

Homework:
This course will have no graded homework. Optional assignments will be posted on the course website to give you practice for the exams. Your TA may choose to assign homework as part of recitation.
Recitation:
Recitation grading is at your TA’s discretion.

In Class Problems:
During most Friday classes, some in-class problems will be assigned. You will work them in
groups and can only receive credit if you attend class that day; there are no make ups. Your two
lowest scores are dropped.

Grading Scale:

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Additional Notes:
If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from the
Disability Services (DS) early in the semester so that your needs may be addressed. DS
determines accommodations based on documented disabilities (303-492-8671, Willard 322).

Course Outline:

Exam 1: January 31st
- GDP (ch 10)
- Cost of Living (ch 11)
- Productivity (ch 12)

Exam 2: February 23rd
- Savings and Investment (ch 13)
- Unemployment (ch 15)
- Money (ch 16)

Exam 3: March 18th
- Inflation (ch 17)
- Open Economy Basics (ch 18)
- Open Economy Theory (ch 19)

Exam 4: April 20th
- Aggregate Supply and Demand (ch 20)
- Monetary and Fiscal Policy (ch 21)
- Unemployment and Inflation (ch 22)

Final Exam: May 5th, 10:30am to 1:00pm  Do not ask to take the final early!!!!!!
- all topics listed above
- (also topics from Ch 14 and Ch 23 if time permits)