ECON 2020-010

Principle of Macroeconomics

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Required Textbook


Course Overview

This is an introductory course to the concepts of macroeconomics, which is the study of the performance, structure, behavior and decision-making of an entire economy. Macroeconomics focuses in on inflation, unemployment and economic growth. We will pay close attention to government’s role in the macroeconomy, specifically monetary (Federal Reserve) and fiscal policy. The introduction will prepare students of future study of economics at the intermediate level, as well as serve as a good foundation of future study in business, finance, sociology, and life in general. As this is an introductory level course, students will spend a lot of time on understudying terminology of the field, and how to “think like an economist”.

Prerequisites:

You must have taken ECON 2010 (Principles or Intro to Microeconomics), and be familiar with basic graphing techniques.

Grading

Your course grade will be calculated as follows:

- Recitation (15%)
- Midterms (25% each)
- Final (35%)
I will drop the lowest of your midterms. Because of this, make-up exams will not be given for any reason. The final will not be dropped. According to FERPA, I cannot talk about your grades in emails. You need to come to see me during office hours if you have any concern with your grades.

Recitation:
These weekly meetings start from the second week of the semester. Your TAs will tell you in the first recitation about how the recitation grade will be determined. In recitation, you will have the opportunity to ask questions on topics covered in lectures, review important concepts, do exercises and generally become more comfortable with the material. Your TAs are a valuable resource that you should utilize.

Midterms
Each midterm is worth 25% of your grade, and the lowest one will be dropped.

Midterm 1 - February 6th
Midterm 2 - March 6th
Midterm 3 - April 10th

Midterms are **NOT accumulative**. They will only consist of multiple choice questions. It is your responsibility to mark correctly your student ID and name on the scantron. You need to bring a calculator to every exam. Cell phone & graphing calculators are not permitted.

Final
It will be **accumulative** and cover the entire course. If you have three or more final examinations on the same day, you can arrange to have the last one taken at an alternative time. It is your responsibility to notify me no later than six weeks into the semester.

**THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UP EXAMS.** If you have any emergency or valid excuse, please notify me at least ONE WEEK before the exam so I can arrange a possible early exam.

Grading

**Your grade will be curved.** The average of the class will be controlled to be B- to B.

Emails
Please be considerate with your use of email. If you email me a substantive question about lectures, exams, or assignments I will most likely encourage you to come to talk to me about it during my office hours. Emails asking for administrative information contained within this syllabus or available on the course website may not be answered. **If I didn’t reply your email within 24 hours, please send me again.**
Office hours

Office hours are for your benefit to ask questions or discuss course materials with me in a relative small setting environment. I have office hours on every Monday and Wednesday. If the listed office hours do not work for you, you can send me an email to set up an alternative time. Please use the office hours wisely. Typically, it is much busier during exam weeks. Therefore, I suggest you to come to ask me whenever you have questions and don’t accumulate everything before the exam.

Tentative course outline

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Note this is a tentative schedule and topics to be covered may change according to the progress of class.

University Policies

These can be found in University Website.