ECONOMICS 110A – SECTION B00 – WINTER 2005
MACROECONOMICS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class, you will be introduced to a mathematical approach to the foundations of macroeconomic theory. We will cover basic short run models of economic fluctuations and long run models of economic growth. We will then apply these models to recent events, such as globalization and the recent rise in crude oil prices.

PREREQUISITES

The prerequisites for this class are Economics 1-2-3 and Mathematics 10A-B-C or 20A-B-C.

TEXTS

The required text for this is <u>Macroeconomics, 5th Edition</u> by N. Gregory Mankiw. The <u>Student Guide and Workbook</u> by Roger Kaufman is strongly recommended. This study guide contains hundreds of problems (with answers) that will prove helpful in learning macroeconomic models.

COURSE READINGS

We will be covering chapters 1-5 and 7-10 from Mankiw's text. The reading assignments for each lecture are outlined in the class schedule below. Lectures will focus on the more difficult material in the readings, but you will be responsible for all of the material in each chapter.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

A course packet including reading questions, practice problems, and sample exams will be available from the AS Soft Reserves. You are encouraged to work through these problems with your classmates since you will see similar problems on exams. These problems will not be collected and will not be graded.

ATTENDANCE

Although class attendance is an individual choice, you are responsible for all announcements and course material presented in lecture. Frequent absences may adversely affect performance.

STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD policy on Academic Integrity published in the UCSD General Catalog. Cheating will not be tolerated, and any student who engages in suspicious conduct will be confronted and subjected to the disciplinary process. Cheaters will receive a failing grade on the exam and/or in the entire course. They may also be suspended from UCSD.

EXAMINATIONS

Two midterm exams and one final exam will be given in this section. The midterm exams will be given during class time in Center 109 on Friday January 21st and Monday February 14th. The final exam will be given in Center 109 on Monday March 14th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. All three exams will be comprised of analytical problems and multiple choice questions.

No study aids, notes, books, calculators, or electronic devices will be allowed in these exams.

All three exams must be taken at the scheduled time and place; they will not be given "early". Students who arrive late will not receive extra time to complete their exam. Once a student completes the exam and leaves the exam room, no other student will be permitted to start the exam.

MISSED EXAMINATIONS

No make-up exams will be given in this class. Students who miss a midterm exam without a university accepted excuse will receive a grade of zero (0) for the exam. Students who miss a midterm with a university accepted excuse will have the weight of the final exam increased accordingly. You must take the final exam to receive a grade in this course.

Excuses for missed exams must be pre-approved by the instructor (except when this is not possible in an emergency situation). Students who make initial contact after the exam will have to document why they could not make contact prior to the exam. In addition, any student who misses an exam due to physical illness will be required to provide documentation from a health care professional indicating why the student was physically unable to take the exam. All documentation and an additional signed written statement explaining the relevant circumstances of the absence must be provided to the instructor within two working days of the student's return to campus. Failure to comply with any of the above in the specified manner will result in a grade of zero (0) for the exam.

GRADING

Numerical grades will be assigned as follows:

Midterm I	=	20 %
Midterm II	=	30 %
Final Exam	=	50 %
Total	=	100 %

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-
Numerical Range	86 % - 100 %	80 % – 85 %	75 % - 79 %	70 % - 74 %	65 % - 69 %

Letter	C+	C	C-	D	F
Numerical Range	60 % – 64 %	55 % - 59 %	50 % - 54 %	40 % - 49 %	0 % - 39 %

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Reading Assignment
January 3	The Science of Macroeconomics (Chapter 1)
January 5	The Data of Macroeconomics (Chapter 2)
January 7	The Data of Macroeconomics (Chapter 2)
January 10	The Data of Macroeconomics (Chapter 2)
January 12	National Income: Where It Comes From and Where It Goes (Chapter 3)
January 14	National Income: Where It Comes From and Where It Goes (Chapter 3)
January 17	**University Holiday – Class and Office Hours Cancelled**
January 19	National Income: Where It Comes From and Where It Goes (Chapter 3)
January 21	**Midterm I (Covers Chapters 1-3)**
January 24	Money and Inflation (Chapter 4)
January 26	Money and Inflation (Chapter 4)
January 28	Money and Inflation (Chapter 4)
January 31	The Open Economy (Chapter 5)
February 2	The Open Economy (Chapter 5)
February 4	The Open Economy (Chapter 5)
February 7	The Open Economy (Chapter 5)
February 9	Introduction to Economic Fluctuations (Chapter 9)
February 11	Introduction to Economic Fluctuations (Chapter 9)
February 14	**Midterm II (Covers Chapters 1 - 5 and 9)**
February 16	Aggregate Demand I (Chapter 10)
February 18	Aggregate Demand I (Chapter 10)
February 21	**University Holiday – Class and Office Hours Cancelled**
February 23	Aggregate Demand I (Chapter 10)
February 25	Aggregate Demand I (Chapter 10)
February 28	Economic Growth I (Chapter 7)
March 2	Economic Growth I (Chapter 7)
March 4	Economic Growth I (Chapter 7)
March 7	Economic Growth II (Chapter 8)
March 9	Economic Growth II (Chapter 8)
March 11	Economic Growth II (Chapter 8)
March 14	**Final Exam (Covers Chapters 1 - 5 and 7 - 10)**