

ECONOMICS 110B – SECTION A00 – FALL 2006
MACROECONOMICS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a continuation of Economics 110A, and will build upon the models presented in that class. We will extend the basic IS-LM model to examine how our expectations affect the performance of the economy. We will then discuss how international trade affects the domestic macroeconomy. Finally, we will look at modern theories of depressions and hyperinflation, and new developments in our understanding of fiscal and monetary policy.

PREREQUISITES

The prerequisite for Economics 110B is Economics 110A.

TEXTS

The required text for this class is Macroeconomics, 4th Edition by Olivier Blanchard. The Student Study Guide by David Findlay is also strongly recommended.

COURSE READINGS

We will be covering chapters 14 - 26 from Blanchard'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. You will get a lot more out of this class if you read the required chapters before each lecture.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is an individual student responsibility. Although daily attendance is not recorded, the lectures will be more mathematical than the text, and I will provide examples during lectures that do not appear in the textbook but are fair game for examination. Thus, frequent absences may adversely affect performance.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS

In past sections of this class, I have noticed that students who make intensive use of the Student Study Guide that accompanies the text have been happier with their grades than those who did not use the study guide. Additionally, I will post solutions to the problems at the end of each chapter (4th edition) on our course website. These problems will not be collected and will not be graded.

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. Students found guilty of academic misconduct 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 on **Monday Oct. 16th** and **Monday Nov. 13th**. The final exam will be given on **Friday Dec. 8th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

No notes, books, study aids, calculators, or other personal 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%
<u>Final Exam</u>	=	<u>50%</u>
Total	=	100%

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-
Numerical Range	90% - 100%	85% - 89%	80% - 84%	75% - 79%	70% - 74%
Letter	C+	C	C-	D	F
Numerical Range	65% - 69%	60% - 64%	55% - 59%	40% - 54%	0% - 39%

CLASS SCHEDULE

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture Topic/Reading Assignment</u>
Friday	Sept. 22	Expectations: The Basic Tools (Chapter 14)
Monday	Sept. 25	Expectations: The Basic Tools (Chapter 14)
Wednesday	Sept. 27	Expectations: The Basic Tools (Chapter 14)
Friday	Sept. 29	Expectations: The Basic Tools (Chapter 14)
Monday	Oct. 2	Financial Markets and Expectations (Chapter 15)
Wednesday	Oct. 4	Financial Markets and Expectations (Chapter 15)
Friday	Oct. 6	Expectations, Consumption, and Investment (Chapter 16)
Monday	Oct. 9	Expectations, Output, and Policy (Chapter 17)
Wednesday	Oct. 11	Expectations, Output, and Policy (Chapter 17)
Friday	Oct. 13	Expectations, Output, and Policy (Chapter 17)
Monday	Oct. 16	Midterm 1 (Covers Chapters 14 – 17)
Wednesday	Oct. 18	Openness in Goods and Financial Markets (Chapter 18)
Friday	Oct. 20	Openness in Goods and Financial Markets (Chapter 18)
Monday	Oct. 23	The Goods Market in an Open Economy (Chapter 19)
Wednesday	Oct. 25	The Goods Market in an Open Economy (Chapter 19)
Friday	Oct. 27	The Goods Market in an Open Economy (Chapter 19)
Monday	Oct. 30	Output, the Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate (Chapter 20)
Wednesday	Nov. 1	Output, the Interest Rate, and the Exchange Rate (Chapter 20)
Friday	Nov. 3	Exchange Rate Regimes (Chapter 21)
Monday	Nov. 6	Exchange Rate Regimes (Chapter 21)
Wednesday	Nov. 8	Exchange Rate Regimes (Chapter 21)
Friday	Nov. 10	<i>Veterans Day Holiday (Lecture Cancelled)</i>
Monday	Nov. 13	Midterm 2 (Covers Chapters 14 – 21)
Wednesday	Nov. 15	Depressions and Slumps (Chapter 22)
Friday	Nov. 17	Depressions and Slumps (Chapter 22)
Monday	Nov. 20	High Inflation (Chapter 23)
Wednesday	Nov. 22	High Inflation (Chapter 23)
Friday	Nov. 24	<i>Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Lecture Cancelled)</i>
Monday	Nov. 27	Should Policy Makers Be Restrained? (Chapter 24)
Wednesday	Nov. 29	Monetary Policy: A Summing Up (Chapter 25)
Friday	Dec. 1	Fiscal Policy: A Summing Up (Chapter 26)
Friday	Dec. 8	Final Exam from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Covers Chapters 14 – 26)