

**Economics 110A: Macroeconomics
Syllabus
Fall 2009**

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There are two sections of this course; one section meets MWF 12:00 – 12:50, the other meets MWF 4:00-4:50.

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(For emails related to the course, please email me through Webct. This will help me keep course related emails organized.)

Office hours: Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 – 2:00, or by appointment.

The course website is located on Webct: <https://webctweb.ucsd.edu>

I will use Webct to:

- Post announcements
- Post powerpoint slides of the lectures
- Post problem sets
- Respond to email

If you are enrolled in the course as a regular UCSD student, you should already be able to access the course on Webct. If you are enrolled, or plan to enroll, through UCSD extension, you will need to get a userid and password from ACS in order to access webct. If for some reason you are unable to access the course on Webct, please contact me within the first week of classes so that I can help you get it straightened out.

Lectures:

Noon section: M/W/F 12:00 – 12:50 CSB (Cognitive Science Building) 001

4:00 section: M/W/F 4:00 – 4:50 Ledden Auditorium (aka HSS 2250)

TAs:

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Text: Macroeconomics, by Olivier Blanchard
4th edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall

The 5th edition of the textbook has been published. However, the set of instructors teaching Econ 110A for this academic year jointly decided to keep the 4th edition as the text for this course since used copies of the 4th edition are available (and cheaper than new copies of the 5th edition), and the changes between the 4th and 5th editions are fairly minimal.

Course requirements:

Two midterms:

Midterm 1: Wednesday, October 14

Midterm 2: Friday, November 6

Final exam:

Noon section: Thursday, December 10, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

4:00 section: Tuesday, December 8, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The final grade for the course will be based on your course average. To calculate the course average, I first calculate weighted averages for your midterms and final exam using three different sets of weights:

weighted average 1 = .25 (midterm 1) + .25 (midterm 2) + .5 (final)

weighted average 2 = .33 (midterm 1) + 0.0 (midterm 2) + .67 (final)

weighted average 3 = 0.0 (midterm 1) + .33 (midterm 2) + .67 (final)

Your course average is the highest of the three weighted averages:

Course average = max [weighted average 1, weighted average 2, weighted average 3]

The flexibility incorporated into this method of calculating your course average is designed to allow for various circumstances beyond your control, for example, sports commitments, illness, three midterms scheduled on the same day, etc.

Practice problem sets, and solutions, will be provided. The problem sets will not be turned in or graded, and therefore do not count directly in your course average. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend that you work through the problem sets (on your own or in study groups), to reinforce your command of the material.

Econ 110A Schedule of lectures:

Friday, September 25:	Chapter 1: Introduction
Monday, September 28:	Chapter 2: Measuring Output, inflation, and unemployment
Wednesday, September 30:	Chapter 2, continued
Friday, October 2:	Chapter 3: The goods market
Monday, October 5:	Chapter 3, continued
Wednesday, October 7:	Chapter 4: The financial markets
Friday, October 9:	Chapter 4, continued
Monday, October 12:	Chapter 5, The IS-LM model
Wednesday, October 14:	Midterm 1 on chapters 1-4
Friday, October 16:	No class
Monday, October 19:	Chapter 5, continued
Wednesday, October 21:	Chapter 5, continued
Friday, October 23:	Chapter 6: The labor market
Monday, October 26:	Chapter 7: The AD-AS model
Wednesday, October 28:	Chapter 7, continued
Friday, October 30:	Chapter 7, continued
Monday, November 2:	Chapter 8, Unemployment and the Phillips curve
Wednesday, November 4:	Chapter 8, continued
Friday, November 6:	Midterm 2 on chapters 5 - 7
Monday, November 9:	Chapter 8, continued
Wednesday, November 11:	Veterans' Day (no class)
Friday, November 13:	Chapter 9: Inflation, output, and monetary policy
Monday, November 16:	Chapter 9, continued
Wednesday, November 18:	Chapter 9, continued
Friday, November 20:	Chapter 10: The facts of growth
Monday, November 23:	Chapter 11: Saving, capital accumulation, and output
Wednesday, November 25:	Chapter 11, continued
Friday, November 27:	Thanksgiving break (no class)
Monday, November 30:	Chapter 11, continued
Wednesday, December 2:	Chapter 11, continued
Friday, December 4:	Chapter 12: Technological progress and growth
Tuesday, December 8, 3:00 – 6:00 pm,	Final exam (for 4:00 section)
Thursday, December 10, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Final exam (for noon section)