

ECON 110A: INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS
University of California, San Diego - Fall 2019

Course Description: Econ 110A is the first course in the intermediate macroeconomics sequence. It reviews measurement of aggregate economic activity and inflation and their long-run determinants along with microfoundations for aggregate consumption and investment spending.

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Office Hours: All questions regarding scheduling, course material, and grading *should first be directed to your TA*. If they cannot answer, they will reach out to me. The TAs will also schedule weekly office hours for drop-ins. If you'd like to meet with me directly, I hold weekly office hours (by appointment) on Thursday after class, from 6:30-8:30 pm in ECON 229.

Textbook: Jones, Charles I. (2017). *Macroeconomics*, 4th edition, W.W. Norton and Co.

Course Outline: The textbook will provide a road-map for the material we cover in this course. However, the textbook *is not* a comprehensive source, as some lectures will cover additional topics you are responsible for which are not in the text. The following is a rough outline of the progression of topics we'll cover and where they appear in the textbook.

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| Chapter 1: Introduction to Macroeconomics | |
| Chapter 2: Measuring the Macroeconomy | |
| Chapter 3: An Overview of Long-Run Economic Growth | |
| Chapter 16: Neoclassical Consumption Model | |
| First Midterm Exam | |
| Chapter 4: A Model of Production | |
| Chapter 5: The Solow Growth Model | |
| Chapter 6: Growth and Ideas | |
| Second Midterm Exam | |
| Chapter 7: The Labor Market, Wages, and Unemployment | |
| Chapter 8: Inflation | |
| Chapter 17: Investment | |
| Final Exam | |

Grade Policy: There will be five homeworks assigned on roughly a bi-weekly basis. Homework will be graded on a pass-fail scale (TAs will not correct your answers!) and together will count for 10% of your final grade. Each midterm will count for 25% and the Final exam will count for 40%.

Important Dates:

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| Homework #1 | October 10 |
| First Midterm | October 17 |
| Home #2 | October 24 |
| Homework #3 | November 7 |
| Second Midterm | November 14 |
| Homework #4 | November 21 |
| Thanksgiving (No Lecture) | November 28 |
| Homework #5 | December 5 |
| Final Exam | check finals' week calendar |