

Macroeconomics B (ECON 110B)

Summer II 2007

Syllabus

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Required Text:

Olivier Blanchard, *Macroeconomics*, 4th edition, Pearson (Prentice Hall), Upper Saddle River, 2006.

Other references: N. Gregory Mankiw, *Macroeconomics*, 6th edition, Worth Publishers, 2006.

To be announced in classes

Class Meetings:

11:00 am – 1:50 pm, Tuesday & Thursday, Center #212.

Prerequisite: *Economics 1A-B or 1-2-3; and Mathematics 10C or 20C or 21C*

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Course web page: weber.ucsd.edu/~dkim/110b/

Most of course materials are available on the course web. *Please notice that Students are responsible for getting lecture notes on the course web page.*

Evaluation and course grades:

Performance in this class will be evaluated on the basis of grades received on problem sets, mid-term, and a *cumulated* final exam. Grades will be curved taking into consideration the overall class performance and the economics department's standards.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Problem sets: 15%

Mid-term: 35%

Final: 50%

Problem sets: Three problem sets and students must hand in to the TA no later than the deadline. Late submission without the instructor's permission will be penalized seriously.

Mid-term: *Thursday, August 23, 2007*

Final: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 8, 2007, TBA

Exam rule:

There will be no make-up mid-term exam for any reason. A make-up final will be given, if necessary, for those with a substantial reason. Substantial is to be interpreted strictly. Excuses for missed exams must be pre-approved by the instructor. Students who make contact after the exam will have to document why they could not make contact prior to the exam. Any student who misses an exam due to physical illness will be required to provide documentation from a licensed physician indicating why the student was physically unable to take the exam.

Aims and contents of the course:

The objective of the course is to build on the basic models introduced in 110A by allowing for expectations and by taking into consideration the rest of the world. By the end of the course, students should have a deeper understanding of current macroeconomic issues

Contents and Reading Assignments

Date	Topics	Assignment
Aug. 7	Expectations: The basic tools	B. 14
Aug. 9	Financial Markets and Expectations	B. 15
Aug. 14	Expectations, Consumption, and Investment	B.16, M. 16.2, 17.1 Due Problem set #1
Aug. 16	Expectations, output and policy	B. 17
Aug. 21	Openness in Goods and Financial Market,	B. 18 Due Problem set #2
Aug. 23	Mid-term	
Aug. 28	The Goods markets in an open economy	B. 19
Aug. 30	Output, the interest rate, and the exchange rate	B. 20
Sep. 4	Exchange rate regime	B. 21
Sep. 6	Monetary policy	B. 24, 25, M. 14.2, appendix Due Problem set #3
Sep. 8	Final	

**** Important class rule: Please switch off your cellular phone during the class.***