

Course Syllabus

University of California – San Diego

Economics 110B
Macroeconomics
Spring Quarter 2004

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Prerequisites: Economics 1A–B or 2A–B; and Math. 10A-B-C, or 20A-B and 20C / 21C.
Economics 110A must be taken before Economics 110B.

Teaching Assistants:

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Course Description

Study of the behavior of the economy and how the economy works; contemporary theories of income, employment, money, growth and economics fluctuations; study of the causes and cures of inflation and unemployment; monetary and fiscal policy; debates among economists about the merits of policy activism and limitations of monetary and fiscal policy actions; international economics relations and study of how open economy works.

This course is the second in a sequence of two courses in macroeconomics. Some of the above macro topics appeared in Econ 110A; the rest will be discussed in this course.

Textbook: Macroeconomics, 5th Edition
Author: N. Gregory Mankiw
Worth Publishing Co., 2003

This text is required. You will find it available at UCSD campus bookstore.

Exams and Grading Procedure: Grades will be based on three exams. Each exam will carry a weight of 1/3. The exams will take place on the following dates:

Exam 1 : M, April 19
Exam 2: M, May 10
Exam 3 : W, June 2

No make-up exams will be given. If you miss an exam, you will receive a score of zero for that exam.

The course grade will be based on a "curve" which will, in turn, depend on the class performance as a whole. So, your grade will really depend on how well you do in relation to the rest of the class.

Reading Assignments:

Review chapters 11 and 5.

Chapter 12 Aggregate Demand in the Open Economy

Chapter 13 Aggregate Supply

Chapter 14 Stabilization Policy

Chapter 19 Advances in Business Cycle Theory

Chapter 18 Money Supply and Money Demand

Chapter 16 Consumption

Chapter 17 Investment

Chapter 15 Government Debt

Note: There will be three review sessions, one before each exam, as follows:

Wednesday, April 14, 5:30 – 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 – 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 5:30 – 6:50 p.m.

Location: Peterson Hall 108