

Economics 3 – Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2015

2:00-2:50pm, MWF Peterson Hall 108

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Introduction to macroeconomics: output, unemployment, inflation, business cycles, monetary and fiscal policy, and international trade and finance.

PREREQUISITES:

ECON 1 – Principles of Microeconomics.

REQUIRED READING:

Principles of Economics ECON 1/2/3, 5th edition, by Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke. Available at the UCSD Bookstore.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

iClickers are required for this class. The i>clicker 2 model is available at the UCSD Bookstore (if you already have the i>clicker or i>clicker(+) model, these will work fine). **Please register your remote on Ted by 2pm April 6th. Before each lecture, set the frequency to AC.** For each question you answer, you will receive 3/4th of a point for participation and 1/4th of a point for correctness. Clicker questions will count towards your grade starting in lecture on Monday, April 6th.

HOMEWORK:

I will post a new problem set on Ted every Friday night. The following Friday I will post solutions. These problem sets will not be graded. However, you are strongly encouraged to attempt the questions before attending discussion section each week, where the TAs will review solutions.

EXAMS:

There will be two midterms and a cumulative final. Dates are **not** negotiable.

Midterm 1: Monday, April 20th, 2:00-2:50pm, Peterson Hall 108.

Midterm 2: Monday, May 18th, 2:00-2:50pm, Peterson Hall 108.

Final Exam: Friday, June 12th, 3:00-6:00pm, location TBA.

GRADES:

Clicker questions (5%), Midterm 1 (25%), Midterm 2 (25%), Final (45%)

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

1. If you have a documented disability, please email Isla at iglobush@ucsd.edu as soon as possible so that we can make suitable accommodations for you. If you believe that you have a disability and desire accommodation, please register with the Office for Students with Disabilities.
2. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will impose a disciplinary penalty.
3. If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in his/her exam and left the room*. Once a classmate has turned in his/her exam, you will earn a zero on the test if you arrive late.
4. After the University add deadline, students with extraordinary circumstances or with documentation of a university error may petition the Department of Economics to add courses. Extraordinary circumstances do not include: not being added to the course from the waitlist, forgetting to add a course, etc. Students with an extraordinary circumstance may submit a completed petition, with a written explanation (and documentation, if applicable) to Sequoyah Hall room 245.

READING:

Below is a list of the reading for the course. You are expected to keep up with the reading on your own.

Topic	Chapter*
Spending, Income, and GDP	15
Inflation and the Price Level	16
Wages and Unemployment	17
Economic Growth	18
Saving, Capital Formation, and Financial Markets	19
Money, Prices, and the Financial System	20
Short-Term Economic Fluctuations	21
Spending, Output, and Fiscal Policy	22 & Appendix
Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve	23
Exchange Rates, International Trade, and Capital Flows	26

* Chapters numbers refer to the 5th edition.

TIPS FOR DOING WELL:

- Read the textbook before we cover the chapter in class.
- Attempt the problem set before section each week.
- Attend lecture and participate by answering clicker questions.