

**Economics 110A - Macroeconomics
Spring 2017**

Section A00: MWF 9:00 - 9:50 am, Center Hall 216
Section B00: MWF 10:00 – 10:50 am, Center Hall 216

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Discussion Sections

Section A00
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Tuesday 8:00 – 8:50 pm, Peterson Hall 104

Section B00
Thursday 7:00 – 7:50 pm, Peterson Hall 104
Thursday 8:00 – 8:50 pm, Peterson Hall 104

Course Description

This course is the first part of the intermediate macroeconomic theory. The objective of the sequence is to teach students how to understand broad movements in the aggregate economy. Econ 110A focuses on long-run inflation and economic growth and their underlying economic fundamentals. Topics include measurement of aggregate economic activity and inflation, determinants of long-run economic growth, unemployment, inflation and monetary policy, and microfoundations of macroeconomic modeling.

Course Textbooks

Required Textbook: “Macroeconomics” by Charles I. Jones (2014), 3rd edition, W.W. Norton and Co. There is a custom paperback edition of this textbook at the UCSD bookstore that has a different cover, but otherwise is identical to the textbook.

We will be covering chapters 1-8.

Course Web Page

A course web page is available at <https://triton.ed.ucsd.edu>

It will include information relevant to the course, such as announcements, practice problem sets and tests, solutions, to end of chapter problems, syllabus, schedule and more. You should check this page regularly.

Lectures and Discussion Sections

Class attendance is an individual student responsibility. Frequent absences may adversely affect class performance. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the notes and any information provided in class. There are weekly discussion sections for this course. You may attend any of the four discussion sessions, regardless of which class you are registered for. The discussion sessions aim to cover the same information, so you do not need to attend more than one. The Tuesday sessions and the Thursday sessions two days later cover the same information. The discussion sessions are not mandatory. However, you should attend them since the TAs will go over practice problems, the kind of problems you may encounter on tests. The first discussion section will take place April 11th.

Grading

First Midterm Exam

Second Midterm Exam

Final Exam

The first midterm examination is scheduled to **Wednesday, May 3rd, from 7 to 8:20 pm, in Peterson Hall 108.** The second midterm examination will take place on **Wednesday, May 24th, from 7 to 8:20 pm in Peterson Hall 108.**

Section A00: The final exam will take place on **Wednesday, June 14th, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Section B00: The final exam will take place on **Monday, June 12th, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Final examinations will be cumulative.

The questions asked on exams will be based on lectures, textbook reading and practice problems.

We will calculate for each student two point totals: 1) One that puts a weight 30% on first midterm exam, 30% on second midterm exam, and 40% on final. And 2) one that puts a weight of 30% on the best midterm score and a weight of 70% on the final score. Student's grade in this course will be based on the higher of the two point totals.

There are no make-up exams - a missed midterm exam automatically commits a student to the second grading option. The overall course grade, computed as specified above, will be curved. In general, the class average corresponds to the lowest B-. You must take the final exam to receive a grade in this course.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD policy on Academic Integrity. Cheating will not be tolerated, and any student who engages in suspicious conduct will be confronted and subjected to the disciplinary process. 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.

Tentative Schedule (exams dates will not change) The reading assignment for our course is outlined in the **tentative** class schedule below. Lectures will focus on the more difficult material in the readings, but you will be responsible for all of the material in each chapter. You will get more out of this class if you read the required chapters prior to each lecture.

Days	Number of Lectures	Topic	Textbook Chapters
Apr 3 rd – Apr 10 th	4	Class Introduction Introduction to Macroeconomics Measuring the Macroeconomy	1-2
Apr 12 th – Apr 17 th	3	An Overview of Long-Run Economic Growth	3
Apr 19 th – Apr 28 th	5	A Model of Production	4
Wed May 3rd 7-8:20 pm	--	First Midterm Examination	1-4
May 1 st – May 12 th	6	The Solow Growth Model	5
May 15 th – May 24 th	5	Growth and Ideas	6
Wed May 24th 7-8:20 pm	--	Second Midterm Examination	5-6
May 26 th - Jun 2 nd	3	The Labor Market, Wages and Unemployment	7
Jun 5 th – Jun 9 th	3	Inflation	8
Section B00 Mon Jun 12th 8:00 am – 11:00 am	--	FINAL EXAMINATION	All chapters covered
Section A00 Wed Jun 14th 8:00 am – 11:00 am	--	FINAL EXAMINATION	All chapters covered