

Econ 110A: Macroeconomics
Syllabus
Winter 2008

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(For emails related to the course, please email me through Webct. This will help me keep course related emails organized, and prevent your email from getting zapped by a spam filter.)

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 2:00-3:00, or by appointment.

The course website is located on Webct: <http://webct6web.ucsd.edu>

I will use Webct to:

- post announcements
- post Powerpoint slides of the lectures
- respond to email.

If you are enrolled in the course, you should automatically be able to access the course on Webct. If for some reason you are unable to access the course, please see me within the first week of classes.

Lectures:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:50 Solis 104

Text: Macroeconomics, by Olivier Blanchard
4th edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall

The custom edition available at the bookstore is a paperback with black and white illustrations (instead of color illustrations) and is cheaper than the

hardcover edition. Either the custom edition or the hardback 4th edition can be used for the course.

Course requirements:

Two midterms:

Midterm 1: Thursday, January 31

Midterm 2: Thursday, February 21

The final exam (on Tuesday, March 18) is comprehensive.

Course average= $.25(\text{midterm 1}) + .25(\text{midterm 2}) + .5(\text{final})$

If you have a conflict with any of the exam times (midterms or final), please contact me within the first two weeks of class. If you miss a midterm for a legitimate reason that is approved by me in advance, I will put the weight of the missed midterm on the other exams. However, midterms that are missed without prior approval receive a score of zero.

Practice problem sets, and solutions, will be provided. The problem sets will not be turned in or graded, and therefore do not count in your course average. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend that you work through the problem sets (on your own or in study groups), to reinforce your command of the material.

Schedule of lectures:

Tuesday, Jan. 8:	Chapter 1: Introduction
Thursday, Jan. 10:	Chapter 2: Measuring output, inflation, unemployment
Tuesday, Jan. 15:	Chapter 3: The goods market
Thursday, Jan. 17:	Chapter 3, continued.
Tuesday, Jan. 22:	Chapter 4: The financial markets
Thursday, Jan. 24:	Chapter 5: The IS-LM model
Tuesday, Jan. 29:	Chapter 5, continued.
Thursday, Jan. 31:	Midterm 1 on Chapters 1-5
Tuesday, Feb. 5:	Chapter 6: The labor market
Thursday, Feb. 7:	Chapter 7: The AS-AD model
Tuesday, Feb. 12:	Chapter 7, continued.
Thursday, Feb. 14:	Chapter 8: Unemployment and the Phillips curve
Tuesday, Feb. 19:	Chapter 8, continued
Thursday, Feb. 21:	Midterm 2 on Chapters 6-8
Tuesday, Feb. 26:	Chapter 9: Inflation, output, and monetary policy
Thursday, Feb. 28:	Chapter 10: The facts of growth
Tuesday, March 4:	Chapter 11: Saving, capital accumulation, and growth
Thursday, March 6:	Chapter 11, continued
Tuesday, March 11:	Chapter 11, continued
Thursday, March 13:	Chapter 12: Technological progress, wages, employment
Tuesday, March 18, 11:30 – 2:30:	Final exam