

**Economics 110A: Macroeconomics
Syllabus
Winter 2012**

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The email above is my general email. For emails related to the course, however, it is preferable to email me through TED (aka Webct or Blackboard). This helps me keep course related emails organized.

Office hours: Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00, or by appointment.

The course website is located on TED.

I will use TED to:

- Post announcements
- Post powerpoint slides of the lectures
- Post problem sets
- Post practice midterms
- Respond to email

In general, the powerpoint slides will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the lecture. My recommendation is that you print out the slides before lecture and bring the slides to class. This way you already have the basic notes for the lecture and don't have to be distracted writing the basic stuff down, but can add some additional points if you want to.

If you are enrolled in the course as a regular UCSD student, you should already be able to access the course on TED. If you are enrolled, or plan to enroll, through UCSD extension, you will need to get a userid and password from ACS in order to access TED. If for some reason you are unable to access the course on TED, please contact me within the first week of classes so that I can help you get it straightened out.

Text: Macroeconomics, by Olivier Blanchard
5th edition (updated), Pearson/Prentice Hall

The textbook is also available somewhat more cheaply as the "second UCSD custom edition".

Study guide: A study guide that accompanies the text is available at the bookstore. Buying the study guide is optional. Personally, I would skip the study guide, but if your studying style is such that you find the use of a study guide helpful, you may want to buy it.

Lectures:

B00 (Section ID 734746) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:50 Peterson 103

C00 (Section ID 734749) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:20 Peterson 103

Discussion sections:

You will be enrolled in one of four discussion sections. The discussion sections will be led by TAs and will be used to go over the problem sets. In addition to leading the discussion students the TAs will be available during office hours (which will be posted sometime the first week).

The TAs for the course are:

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Exams:

Two midterms:

Midterm 1: Thursday, February 2, 6:30 – 7:50 pm in Solis Hall 104

Midterm 2: Thursday, February 23, 6:30 – 7:50 pm in Solis Hall 104

Note: For both sections of the course (B00 and C00), the midterms will be given at the same time in the *evening* in Solis Hall 104, rather than during the normal lecture time.

Final exam: The two sections of the course will have their finals at different times, as specified in the schedule of classes.

Grading:

Your final course average will be calculated as follows:

final course average = $.25(\text{midterm 1}) + .25(\text{midterm 2}) + .45(\text{final exam}) + .05(\text{clicker grade})$

The calculation of your “clicker grade” is explained in a separate document on TED in the information on clickers.

Econ 110A Schedule of lectures:

Tuesday, January 10:	Chapter 1: Introduction
Thursday, January 12:	Chapter 2, Measuring Output, inflation, and unemployment
Tuesday, January 17:	Chapter 3: The goods market
Thursday, January 19:	Chapter 4: The financial markets
Tuesday, January 24:	Chapter 4, continued
Thursday, January 26:	Chapter 5, The IS-LM model
Tuesday, January 31:	Chapter 5, continued
Thursday, February 2:	Midterm 1 on chapters 1-5
Tuesday, February 7:	Chapter 6: The labor market
Thursday, February 9:	Chapter 7: The AD-AS model
Tuesday, February 14:	Chapter 7, continued
Thursday, February 16:	Chapter 8, Unemployment and the Phillips curve
Tuesday, February 21:	Chapter 8, continued
Thursday, February 23:	Midterm 2 on chapters 6 - 8
Tuesday, February 28:	Chapter 9: Inflation, output, and monetary policy
Thursday, March 1:	Chapter 9, continued
Tuesday, March 6:	Chapter 10: The facts of growth
Thursday, March 8:	Chapter 11: Saving, capital accumulation, and output
Tuesday, March 13:	Chapter 11, continued
Thursday, March 15:	Chapter 12: Technological progress and growth

Final exam for 12:30 section: Tuesday, March 20, 11:30 – 2:30 pm

Final exam for 2:00 section: Thursday, March 22, 3:00 – 6:00 pm