

Econ 2020–010: Principles of Macroeconomics

(T–H, 9:10 AM – 10:30 AM, BEH S 101)

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Course Description: This course is intended to introduce students to main macroeconomic principles and theories. The focus will be on understanding the workings of three markets of a modern economy: *the goods market, the financial market and the labor market*. The goal is to learn how to think about macroeconomic issues in an analytical way. To this end use of basic algebra and graphs will be necessary. Discussions of macroeconomic policy and tools and extensive references to current economic issues faced by the US economy and global economy in general will play a central part of the class. A successful student will, by the end of the semester, become familiar with main policy debates on fiscal and monetary policy, fiscal deficits and the global economy. In order to grasp contemporary debates about how economies and economic policies work in the real world, students will be asked to read articles from economic journals and newspapers such as the Financial Times or the Wall Street Journal.

Text: *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 12th Edition

Author: Karl E. Case and Ray C. Fair; **ISBN–13:** 978–0134424026

* 11th Edition is OK, but please read here to see the differences. (Go to: *Features/New to This Edition*)

Grade Distribution:

Homeworks	30%
In-class Midterm Exam (Thu Oct 06)	35%
In-class Final Exam (Wed Dec 14, 8:00–10:00am)	35%

Letter Grade Distribution:

≥ 93	A	73 – 76.9	C
90 – 92.9	A –	70 – 72.9	C –
87 – 89.9	B +	67 – 69.9	D +
83 – 86.9	B	63 – 66.9	D
80 – 82.9	B –	60 – 62.9	D –
77 – 79.9	C +	≤ 60	E

Course Policies:

- Exams are in-class, closed book, closed notes, and non-cumulative.
- Homework will be given to be solved in one week.
- You can eliminate **one** homework at the end of the semester.
- **No late assignments will be accepted.**
- **No makeup quizzes or exams will be given.**

Tentative Course Outline:

Week	Date	Chapters	
Week 1	Aug–23	1	‘The Scope and Method of Economics’
	Aug–25	2	‘The Economic Problem: Scarcity and Choice’
Week 2	Aug–30	5	‘Introduction to Macroeconomics’
	Sep–01	5 (cont.)	
Week 3	Sep–06	6	‘Measuring National Output and National Income’
	Sep–08	6 (cont.)	
Week 4	Sep–13	7	‘Unemployment, inflation, and Long–Run Growth’
	Sep–15	7 (cont.)	
Week 5	Sep–20	8	‘Aggregate Expenditure and Equilibrium Output’
	Sep–22	8 (cont.)	
Week 6	Sep–27	9	‘The Government and Fiscal Policy’
	Sep–29	9 (cont.)	
Week 7	Oct–04	Review	
	Oct–06	MIDTERM	
Week 8		Fall Break	
Week 9	Oct–18	10	‘Money, the Federal Reserve, and the Interest Rate’
	Oct–20	10 (cont.)	
Week 10	Oct–25	10 (cont.)	
	Oct–27	10 (cont.)	
Week 11	Nov–01	11	‘The Determination of Aggregate Output, ...
	Nov–03	11 (cont.)	... the Price Level, and the Interest Rate’
Week 12	Nov–08	11 (cont.)	
	Nov–10	12	‘Policy Effects and Costs Shocks in ...
Week 13	Nov–15	12 (cont.)	... the AS/AD Model’
	Nov–17	12 (cont.)	
Week 14	Nov–22	13	‘The Labor Market in the Macroeconomy’
	Nov–24	Thanksgiving	
Week 15	Nov–29	13 (cont.)	
	Dec–01	14	‘Financial Crisis, Stabilization, and Deficits’
Week 16	Dec–06	14 (cont.)	
	Dec–08	Review	
Week 17	Dec–14	FINAL	(Wed Dec 14, 8:00–10:00am)

Note: This syllabus is not a binding legal contract. The instructor may modify it when the student is given reasonable notice of the modification. All changes will be announced in class and on Canvas

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Section V. B. A student who engages in academic misconduct may be subject to academic sanctions including but not limited to a grade reduction, failing grade, probation, suspension, or dismissal from the program or the University, or revocation of the students degree or certificate.

Statement on Equal Access:

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