

Economics 2101-090
Principles of Macroeconomics
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Tuesdays 6:30-9:15 pm
McEniry 117

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Course Website: [Canvas](#)

Required Textbook: Rittenberg, Libby and Timothy Tregarthen, Principles of Macroeconomics Version 2.1, Flat World Knowledge, 2014.

Other Required Items: 1) Please purchase 1 pack of 3"x5" ruled index cards and bring them to each class. A pack of 100 should cost less than \$3.00. You can team up with fellow students to share if you like.
2) #2 pencils for taking quizzes/exams
3) A simple calculator

Course Description: Principles of Economics-Macro. Scope and methodology of economics as a social science, the measurement of national income, the theory of national income determination, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, and international economics.

Course Objectives: To gain a fundamental understanding of the workings of the macro-economy; and to develop a basic understanding of the role that government has in influencing economic activity.

Along with other course objectives, this course will help the student develop problem-solving skills; skills associated with independent thinking; and will address social, political, and global issues using tools of economic analysis.

Additionally, ECON 2101 is one of the courses that satisfy the social science requirement of the new general education program. The course is intended to introduce students to the methods of the social sciences and to the application of these methods for gaining a scientific understanding of the social world.

Course Policies

Academic Integrity: Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNC Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity. (This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty.) Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the

course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

Diversity: The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

Attendance: Attendance is not “required” for this class. However, attendance is strongly encouraged. While low attendance will not “directly” reduce your final grade, you may potentially miss out on in-class activities that could affect your grade. When missing class, students will be expected to obtain class notes and assignments from other students in the class. It is advised to exchange contact information early on with several of your classmates for this reason.

Make-up work and late work: There are NO makeup exams, homeworks, quizzes, or participation points except for students away representing the university. If you miss an exam (due to illness, family emergency, car trouble, or any other reason besides representing the university), plan to count the zero grade as your lowest exam score and plan to take the Optional Final Exam to replace that grade.

Contacting Instructor: Please feel free to email me at klakey@uncc.edu. **PLEASE list in the subject line that you are in the Tuesday class.** I will respond within 24 hours. Also, I will have office hours in 218C of the Friday Building or the classroom at the times listed above.

Cell phones: Please turn off your cell phone ringers before class begins.

Inclement Weather: In the event of inclement weather that closes the university the day of a scheduled test, the test is automatically rescheduled for the next class meeting. In the event of inclement weather, I will assess the safety of traveling to class and make an appropriate decision that balances safety and class obligations. I recommend that you do the same. If possible, I will make a posting on Moodle or email prior to the regular class time.

Grading:

Please bring your index cards, a calculator and at least (2) #2 pencils to every class as they may be required for taking exams and quizzes.

Tests and Final Exam: There will be four regular exams (each counting 25% of final grade) and one *optional* cumulative final exam. Exams will typically be comprised of multiple choice and/or true false answer questions but could also have some short answer questions. ***Cell phones are not allowed to be used as calculators during exams.*** Please note, students are not allowed to leave the classroom and return during an exam, so please take care of personal business before entering the room for the exam. Students who arrive late for a regular exam and/or the final examination will be permitted to take the exam provided that no student has turned in their paper prior to the student’s arrival. Once a paper has been turned in, late arriving students will not be permitted to begin the exam. A student who begins an exam late will not be given extra time at the end of the regular test or examination period.

YOU MUST BRING YOUR STUDENT ID TO EVERY EXAM.

Homework, Quizzes, etc: Homework, quizzes, and/or other participation activities will likely be assigned (this is where attendance is important regarding your grade). These potential points will become part of the next upcoming exam grade (not as bonus points but as part of total grade) and will be determined at the discretion of the instructor.

Assignments turned in will not be returned so make sure to make a copy for yourself as you will need it to make corrections when we go over the assignment in class after it has been turned in.

PLEASE NOTE: Anything turned in without a name will receive a **zero**. Anything turned in in a format other than the format requested will receive a **30% penalty** (bring your 3"x5" index cards to every class).

Bonus Points: Bonus Points may (or may not) be offered at the discretion of the instructor.

Grade Calculation Summary:

Exam #1-#4 25% each

Grading Scale:

90-100: A 70-79: C 0-59: F
80-89: B 60-69: D

Note: If your Optional Final Exam grade is higher than your lowest Regular Exam then it will replace that **ONE** grade. If your Final Exam grade is lower than all your Regular Exam grades then it will not count. (i.e. The Final Exam cannot HURT your grade)

Note-taking Suggestions: Note-taking is important to the active learning process. To assist in efficient student note-taking, certain note-taking guide slides for each lecture may be posted on Moodle by 5 pm on the Monday prior to each class. **Be sure to check Moodle and email between 5 pm on Mondays and class time each week.**

VERY Tentative Course Outline and Schedule

Tuesday	1/10	Class Intro/Syllabus/Techniques/Chapter 1
Tuesday	1/17	Chap 1 / Chapter 2
Tuesday	1/24	Chap 2 / Chapter 3
Tuesday	1/31	Chapter 3
Tuesday	2/7	EXAM I / Chapter 4
Tuesday	2/14	Chapter 5
Tuesday	2/21	Chapter 6
Tuesday	2/28	Chapter 7
Tuesday	3/7	SPRING BREAK
Tuesday	3/14	EXAM II / Chapter 8
Tuesday	3/21	Chapter 9
Tuesday	3/28	Chapter 10
Tuesday	4/4	EXAM III / Chapter 11
Tuesday	4/11	Chapter 11
Tuesday	4/18	Chapter 12
Tuesday	4/25	TBD
Tuesday	5/2	EXAM IV
Tuesday	5/9	Cumulative FINAL EXAM (OPTIONAL) 8:00pm - 10:30pm

Other Important dates:

January 16: Last day to add/drop w/ no grade (Confirm via academic adviser and/or official University Calendar)

February 6: Last Day to apply for May graduation

March 3: Unsatisfactory grades due

March 20: Last day to withdraw from a class, subject to Withdrawal Policy (Confirm details via academic adviser and/or official University Calendar)

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