

COURSE SYLLABUS—FALL 2018

MACROECONOMICS 2101-090

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Course Description: Scope and methodology of economics as a social science with an emphasis on international aspects of the following topics: supply and demand, the measurement of national income, the history of national income distribution, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, and international trade and finance.

Objective: To demonstrate a strong understanding of macroeconomic topics that will include inflation, unemployment, economic growth, exchange rates, and Keynesian theory. ALL will be put into practical examples that YOU can walk away with to apply to everyday life and add value to your understanding of economic events. Also, this course will enable the student to develop problem-solving skills; skills associated with independent thinking, and will address social, political, and global issues using tools of economic analysis. This course satisfies 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. According to this goal:

UNC Charlotte graduates should be able to:

- Understand how institutions operate with societies in both contemporary and historical perspectives.
- Understand internal and external influences that promote and inhibit human action.
- Understand the patterns of change that individuals experience at various points in life.
- Recognize the complex, integrated, and dynamic nature of human behavior and human experience.
- Understand the commonalities, differences, and interdependence among and within societies of the world.
- 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.

Text: Principles of Macroeconomics, Rittenberg, Tregarthen. 2nd edition. Study guide optional..

Grading: Five tests of equal value PLUS a comprehensive final exam. Periodic homework will be assigned and if all are handed in, can add up to two points to your final average. **LATE** homework will not be accepted. All test are 33 question multiple choice with typically a bonus question. **NO MAKE-UP** tests are permitted. If you miss a test, the final exam will count double toward your final average; in effect replacing the missed exam. The five tests plus the final will average your final grade for the class. If all tests have been taken, then the final will replace the lowest test score and count twice. If the final exam is lower than your lowest test grade, then all five will be averaged as is plus the final. **ANYONE** with an “A” average (90 or higher) after the five regular tests will be exempt from the final exam.

Extra points may be earned through a number of case studies/chapter problems which you will receive in class and following participation/discussion. I will collect the analysis following discussion.

On exams, students may **NOT** use the following: ear buds, blue tooth ear pieces, programmable calculators or **ANY** device which can transmit or receive a signal. Violation will result in a **ZERO (0)** on that exam and your name forwarded to the appropriate authorities for cheating.

Scale: 90-100= A, 80-89= B, 70-79= C, 60-69= D, below 60= F

Attendance: **YOU** are responsible for **ALL** materials, assignments, and class activities for each class period. Absence does not excuse you from any material we covered that day.

Dates to remember: *Final Exam* Thursday December 13 **5:00-730 PM**

WITHDRAWAL: Last day to withdraw with a grade of “W” is October 22, 2018

NO CLASS: November 22, 2018

Last Day or regular term: Wednesday December 5

<u>Week</u>	<u>chapters</u>	<u>topic</u>
1	intro, 1,2	(economics, economic problems)
2	3	demand/supply/macroeconomics
3	TEST I, 4,5	GDP
4	5,6	business cycle
5	6	jobs
6	TEST 2, 7, 8	productivity
7	8	productivity
8	9	growth
9	TEST 3,10	money
10	11	monetary policy
11	12	Fiscal policy
12	TEST 4	
13	14	Growth
14	15	Exchange Rates
15	TEST 5, final prep	