

## **ECON 2105, 01, PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS**

*SPRING 2020, 3 CREDIT HOURS, 1/06/2020-5/06/2020, MILLER HALL TBD*

### **INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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Monday 9-9:30am

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### **COURSE INFORMATION**

**DESCRIPTION**

Course description and purpose: A study of the economy as a whole including production, economic fluctuations, inflation, unemployment, public policy, and international economics. The overall objective

of this course is for you to learn basic economic concepts, specifically macroeconomics, and more about the economic system in which we live.

### **PREREQUISITES**

Course prerequisites: Requires overall GPA of 2.0.

### **DELIVERY METHODS**

This is a fully face-to-face course with a required final exam. This course meets twice per week on Monday and Wednesday. Class attendance is crucial to student success. Additionally, students should commit to logging into Course Den a minimum of twice per week. Students cannot successfully complete this course without accessing Course Den regularly.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) study sessions are offered for this course. SI sessions meet two times a week, throughout the semester. Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program which provides peer-led group study sessions to assist students in traditionally difficult courses. SI sessions are led by a SI leader who has already mastered the course material and has been trained to facilitate group sessions where students can meet to improve their understanding of course material, review and discuss important concepts, develop study strategies and prepare for exams. SI is for everyone, and open to all students enrolled in this class; not just those students who are struggling. Attendance at SI sessions is voluntary. Students, who attend SI sessions weekly, typically earn higher final course and exam grades than students who do not participate in SI. Please bring your lecture notes, books, and questions with you. The time and location of your SI session will be announced in class.

## **LEARNING GOALS**

We will build on the following learning goals throughout the term:

### **FIRST GOAL**

Be able to describe basic economic concepts such as scarcity and opportunity costs (LG4, LG7, LG8).

### **SECOND GOAL**

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as gross domestic product, inflation and unemployment (LG4, LG7).

### **THIRD GOAL**

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of international economics including concepts such as exchange rates and net exports (LG4, LG5, LG7, LG8, LG9).

### **FOURTH GOAL**

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the banking system, the impact of the Federal Reserve on the economy, and government taxation and spending policy (LG7).

#### **FIFTH GOAL**

Be able to analyze the effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policy in combating inflation or unemployment (LG4, LG7, LG10).

#### **SIXTH GOAL**

Be able to apply macroeconomic models such as aggregate supply and demand to the analysis of current economic issues (LG4, LG7, LG9, LG10).

#### **SEVENTH GOAL**

Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, and/or political development of the people and institutions of the United States (US Perspectives Core Overlay).

## **TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS**

#### **TEXTBOOK 1**

ECON MACRO, McEachern, Cengage, 2017 Edition 6, ISBN: 1337408743, price: \$85 for new purchase or \$44 for used copy at UWG Bookstore or prices start around \$20 from various online sites for used textbooks. (MindTap access is NOT required).

#### **COURSE MATERIALS**

No other course materials are required, except access to UWG's Course Den. However, if your purchase of the textbook includes access to Cengage's MindTap platform, you can log into a practice account and complete homework exercises in MindTap to help prepare you for the exams. Note: NO assignments in MindTap will be required nor will any course credit be issued for completing MindTap work.

## **COURSE POLICIES**

#### **LATE POLICY**

All assignments, including the Final Exam, must be completed by the due date. **No Late work is accepted. This includes ALL exams. There will not be any make-up exams given regardless of the reason.** (See below for more policies regarding exams).

#### **COURSE DEN**

You will need to access Course Den for this course. You can access Course Den from any computer that has Internet access, on or off campus. If you need help accessing Course Den you may contact the UWG Online helpdesk (678)839-6248. Students will need to access Course Den for the following: instructor's

powerpoint presentations, video examples and lectures, course grades, homework exercises and any changes to the course plans.

### COMMUNICATION

Please just come by my office during posted office hours (Miller Hall 1218). If you need to see me during other times, please email me to make special arrangements.

To talk with me during the online office hours, please send me an email in CourseDen to let me know you want to meet and then we can meet in the CourseDen chat room or talk on the phone. To schedule an appointment for online offices hours at another time, please email me. If you want to make an appointment for a specific time, please email a day ahead of time if possible so I can better plan my time. However, feel free to pop in (online) to ask a question whenever you see that I am online.

I prefer that you send me your questions via my gmail email ([mhildebr@westga.edu](mailto:mhildebr@westga.edu)) or CourseDen email, as I rarely check my voicemail.

### EXPECTED RESPONSE TIMES

Students can expect responses to emails within 24 hours on weekdays and up to 48 hours on weekends. Course Den assignments will be graded (and answer keys posted) within 7-10 days, but the amount of feedback required may extend that time.

## ASSIGNMENTS

No late work will be accepted for any assignments.

### COURSE DEN EXERCISES (15 POINTS EACH, 150 POINTS IN TOTAL)

Ten exercises will be posted directly in Course Den. There will be various due dates throughout the term (details will be posted in Course Den). All scores count and any points in excess of 150 will count as “bonus” points.

### MIDTERM EXAMS (150 POINTS EACH, 450 POINTS IN TOTAL)

There is a midterm exam at the end of each of the each of the four course units (so four midterm exams in total). The exams will consist of multiple-choice questions (I will provide scantrons) and some short answer questions. The lowest midterm exam score will be dropped. ***Due to the policy of dropping the lowest exam score, I will NOT offer any make-up exams, other than for pre-approved school-sanctioned absences.***

### UNIT ACTIVITIES (25 POINTS EACH, 100 POINTS IN TOTAL)

There will be one additional activity per unit (4 in total)—they will be a combination of in-class and out-of-class activities related to Macroeconomic concepts. More details will be posted in Course Den.

### FINAL GROUP PROJECT (100 POINTS)

Students will form groups of 3-6. Each group will select a topic, research and give a class presentation on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. More details will be posted in Course Den.

### FINAL EXAM (200 POINTS)

A required final exam will consist of multiple choice questions. The final exam will be comprehensive and cover all material from the course. The final exam will be given at the time allocated by the Registrar in the Spring 2020 Scoop: Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am-10am in Miller TBD

### ATTENDANCE CHECKS (POINTS VARY BY EXERCISE, BONUS POINTS)

There may be random in-class assignments used to check attendance. These assignments are not announced in advance. Any points earned are bonus points.

## GRADING

Grading structure and point scale:

900-1000 points	90% - 100%	A
800 points - 899 points	80% - 89%	B
700 points - 799 points	70% - 79%	C
600 points - 699 points	60% - 69%	D
< 600 points	< 60%	F

**Final grades for this course will be assigned using this exact point distribution, i.e. final grades will not automatically be rounded up. An example, if a student earns 899 points, then a final grade of “B” will be assigned for the course.**

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, etc. about your grade, you **MUST** bring it to the instructor’s attention within forty-eight hours of the grade being posted in CourseDen. **Student complaints that are not voiced until the end of the semester about missing or incorrect grades will not be considered.**

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE SYLLABUS INFORMATION:

Please review the “[Common Language for Course Syllabi](#)” for university-wide updates. Even if you have read it before, the most current information is maintained at this site.