

ECON 2105-05/06 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

SPRING 2020, 3 CREDIT HOURS, JANUARY 4TH – MAY 5TH

MILLER HALL ROOM 2213 – SEE SCHEDULE FOR CLASS FORMAT

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Communication Preference: The quickest way to ask for help is via email or by scheduling an appointment during office hours. General class questions and overall discussions are answered quickly by using the alternative communication tools available for this course: (<http://facebook.com/groups/UWGMacro> or <https://www.remind.com/join/uwgmacro>).

COURSE INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

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

There are no prerequisites for this course.

DELIVERY METHODS

This course is delivered via hybrid instruction. At least 50% of this course instruction is required to be conducted online using UWG's CourseDen (D2L), the remainder will take place via face-to-face lectures at our regularly scheduled class time. A class calendar is included within the syllabus and distributed in class and on CourseDen. It is the student's responsibility to stay up to date with the location and delivery method for each class using the tools provided.

LEARNING GOALS

Upon completion, students will:

1. Be able to describe basic economic concepts such as scarcity and opportunity costs (LG4, LG7, LG8)
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as gross domestic product, inflation, and unemployment (LG4, LG7)
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of international economics including concepts such as exchange rates and net exports (LG4, LG5, LG7, LG8, LG9)
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the banking system, the impact of the Federal Reserve on the economy, and government taxation and spending policy (LG7)
5. Be able to analyze the effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policy in combating inflation or unemployment (LG4, LG7, LG10)
6. Be able to apply macroeconomic models such as aggregate supply and demand to the analysis of current economic issues (LG4, LG7, LG9, LG10)
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural and/or political development of the people and institutions of the United States (U.S. Perspectives Core Overlay)

TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

MACRO 6TH EDITION OR 5TH EDITION

This textbook by William McEachern ISBN 1337408743 (6th) or ISBN: 1305659090 (5th) is required. The 1st chapter is posted on CourseDen and a copy of each edition is available on reserve in the UWG Library for you to use inside the library on loan. Both editions are also available for purchase in the UWG Bookstore and can easily be found for sale online by other vendors. I will use the 6th edition for instruction, but the 5th was used in the semester immediately preceding so it is an easy, low-cost option and there are minimal changes between editions. You do not need any access to online textbook ancillary materials.

COURSE POLICIES

ATTENDANCE/LATE POLICY

This is a hybrid class where some class days we will meet in person in our regularly scheduled class and during other weeks work will be completed independently with scheduled deadlines. Students who miss these deadlines will forfeit those points. All deadlines are scheduled in advance and students will be made aware of them on CourseDen and via the communication tools used for this course. It is the responsibility

of the student to make adjustments to their own personal and professional schedules to fit the requirements of the course and to arrive on time to class. All University of West Georgia students taking hybrid/online classes that visit the Carrollton campus must have their vehicle registered and display a current University of West Georgia hangtag and follow the UWG parking code.

Online class days are delivered as asynchronous instruction which means that you can access the material you need without time/place constraints (attending a regular class). This allows you the flexibility you need but there are still firm deadlines and a set “pace” to the course. To be successful in the course, you will need to be comfortable interacting and collaborating with your classmates in an online setting. If this does not suit your learning style or fit your academic needs, check the UWG Class Bulletin for alternative ECON 2105 sections.

CLASS CANCELLATION

If class is cancelled for any reason, any relevant assignments or course announcements will be posted on CourseDen. Please review UWG’s Emergency Closing Policy for inclement weather located here: <https://www.westga.edu/police/emergency-closing-policy.php>. If severe weather occurs, particularly those affecting your ability to complete assignments (ex: power outages), I will adjust deadlines accordingly. I will also be using Remind 101 this semester, register here (<https://www.remind.com/join/uwgmacro>).

COURSEDEN/ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

This course is delivered at least 50% online. You must have reliable access to technology to be successful in this course. You can complete course assignments that utilize technology by using the student computer labs on campus or on your own equipment. Keep in mind that technology problems often seem to occur at the worst possible times. I encourage every student to have a back-up plan and complete their work well in advance of deadlines in case their technology fails.

Unreliable internet access or inability to login to CourseDen will result in missed deadlines and forfeited points. This course does not require the purchase or use of a clicker. However, from time to time we may answer questions interactively using cellphones or computers and a free program called Poll Everywhere or an online survey tool such as Survey Monkey.

We will use CourseDen extensively for this course. Please make sure you are comfortable with UWG’s course management system and seek help before assignment or quiz deadlines. Make certain you are aware of the USG D2L/CourseDen maintenance schedule and plan in advance!

CourseDen Direct Link: <http://westga.view.usg.edu>

D2L Online Help: <http://D2Lhelp.view.usg.edu>

CELLPHONE/COMMUNICATION TOOLS

I encourage the use of technology in our face-to-face and virtual classroom as a tool to enhance learning. Tweeting using the class hashtag or interacting using the class Facebook group are all great ways to interact with your classmates. I highly recommend using technology as a way to build your own personal learning

network and any extra credit opportunities are designed to provide you with a positive incentive to put forth effort in this area.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the class by contacting the registrar's office directly. On **January 15th** I will check to see that you have attended class (i.e. logged in on CourseDen, accessed class materials, and completed all assigned work due prior to this date. If this condition is not satisfied, you will be reported as "non-attending" in accordance with the UWG Office of the Registrar guidelines in order to protect your GPA and conform to institutional requirements. The last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" is October 9th according to the UWG Office of the Registrar. You can verify this date directly:

https://www.westga.edu/student-services/registrar/Spring_2020_Session_Calendar.php.

Please be aware that UWG instituted a limited withdrawal policy effective Fall Semester 2013, information is available here: <https://www.westga.edu/student-services/registrar/drop-add-and-withdrawal.php>.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Cheating on any test will result in a zero on the test, an F in the course and will be reported to Student Services for appropriate disciplinary action by the University. Cheating on any other graded work will result in a zero on the submitted work, the lowering of the student's final grade in the course by one letter grade, and will be reported to Student Services for appropriate disciplinary action by the University. Examples of cheating include turning in work that is not your own or having another student complete an online quiz for you with or without compensation. Students not familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty should refer to the University's Student Handbook and the Undergraduate Catalog's Student Code of Conduct: <https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/assets/docs/2019-2020-student-handbook.pdf>.

ASSIGNMENTS

EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

The exam, quizzes/discussions and assignment are based on the assigned readings, lecture notes, handouts and other course content. There are NO make-up tests, except for university approved excuses, such as UWG Health Center verified severe/contagious illnesses, death in the family, hospitalization, jury duty, or university sanctioned events where you are a required participant. You must provide appropriate documentation and make alternative arrangements well in advance of any required coursework.

All deadlines are announced in advance on CourseDen. Some testing will be completed using CourseDen and missed deadlines CANNOT be made up without prior permission and appropriate documentation. All deadlines are stated as Eastern Standard Time (EST).

The final exam will be delivered in two parts. **Access to the final exam will be distributed on our last face-to-face class meeting on April 22nd** - do not arrive late or skip this class or you will not have access to the final exam materials!

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Collaboration with others is a key to success, particularly in the business world. Even if you someday want to be the CEO of your own company, you eventually will need to learn to manage your ability to interact with others. In that spirit, this course requires random, collaborative graded assignments and other group activities that are designed to help you learn an essential real world business skill.

With today's technology, it is easier than ever to coordinate work across time and space using a variety of methods and time is provided within the course to accommodate this requirement - do NOT let this be a stumbling block to a successful semester!

EXTRA CREDIT

Any extra credit opportunities will be announced in class or on CourseDen along with their corresponding deadlines and will be offered to the class as a whole. The pursuit of extra credit is optional and is offered at the discretion of the instructor. There is no guarantee of extra credit being offered during this semester and since this is a hybrid class, extra credit may be offered face-to-face or online at the discretion of the instructor.

My overall goal is to help each of you find a path to success, recognizing that each person learns in their own unique way and at their own pace. A variety of ways for you to earn points towards your final grade are offered within this course and most students are very successful. However, each semester there are a handful of students who wish they had taken advantage of earlier opportunities to earn points, such as extra credit options...don't let this happen to you!

GRADING

Grading is calculated based on your performance on class attendance and participation in the form of quizzes and discussion activities (50%), a midterm (20%), and a final exam (30%).

COURSE CALENDAR

The approximate pace of the course is one chapter each week. This checklist/calendar is posted in CourseDen and all relevant deadlines are set once the class roster is finalized after Roster Verification. Any and all changes to the dates on the syllabus will be posted on CourseDen and via the communication tools/social media sites used for the class. If you have conflicts with the date, time or location of any assignments or other graded work, you must communicate these concerns in advance. If you need accommodations due to university approved travel, please submit your letter or other documentation via email during the first few weeks of this course. You must be in the classroom prior to the start of class - late entry will not be allowed and you will forfeit your right to earn points towards any scheduled work. Please allocate plenty of time for dealing with parking problems or traffic delays.

WEEK 1

- Jan 6th (F2F): Syllabus
 - Jan 8th (F2F): Ch1
- NOTE: Open Drop/Add Until Jan 10th*

WEEK 2

- Jan 13th (F2F): Ch2
 - Jan 15th (ONLINE): Ch3a
- NOTE: Roster Verification on Jan 15th*

WEEK 3 (1/2 WEEK)

- Jan 20th: UWG Closed for MLK Day
- Jan 22nd (ONLINE): Ch3b

WEEK 4

- Jan 27th (F2F): Ch4a
- Jan 29th (F2F): Ch4b

WEEK 5

- Feb 3rd (F2F): Ch4c
- Feb 5th (ONLINE): Ch5

WEEK 6

- Feb 10th (ONLINE): Ch6
- Feb 12th (ONLINE): Review

WEEK 7

- Feb 17th (F2F): Ch1-6 PP Check
- Feb 19th (F2F): Midterm

WEEK 8

- Feb 24th (ONLINE): Midterm Due (20.16)
 - Feb 26th (ONLINE): Ch7
- NOTE: the Withdrawal Deadline is Feb 28th*

WEEK 9

- Mar 2nd (F2F): Midterm FMQs
- Mar 4th (ONLINE): Ch8

WEEK 10

- Mar 9th (ONLINE): Ch9
 - Mar 11th (ONLINE): Ch10
- Mar 16th - 20th: UWG Closed for Spring Break*

WEEK 11

- Mar 23rd (F2F): Money
- Mar 25th (ONLINE): Ch11a

WEEK 12

- Mar 30th (F2F): Ch11b-12a
- Apr 1st (ONLINE): Ch12b

WEEK 13

- Apr 6th (ONLINE): Investment
- Apr 8th (F2F): Inequality/Economic Growth

WEEK 14

- April 13th (ONLINE): Ch13
- April 15th (ONLINE): Ch14

WEEK 15

- April 20th (F2F): Final Exam Prep/Review
- April 22nd (F2F): Final Exam Pt1

WEEK 16 (1/2 WEEK)

- April 27th (ONLINE): Final Exam Pt2 Due
- All Grades Released by May 11th

UNIVERSITY-WIDE SYLLABUS INFORMATION:

Students, please carefully review the following information which contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. These statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change; you should review the information each semester, even if you have read it before since the most current information is maintained at this site:

<https://www.westga.edu/UWGSyllabusPolicies/>.

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