

Florida International University  
Department of Economics  
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 2013)  
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### **Course Description and Purpose**

Macroeconomics is a highly practical discipline as it deals with principles that directly impact every part of life. They affect employment, government welfare, the availability of goods and services, the way nations interact with one another, the price of food in the shops etc. The knowledge gained in this course will make students better informed citizens and allow them to follow the debates over national economic policy reported in the news media. This course is also, a foundation course that will prepare students to be successful in upper division finance, marketing, business administration, economics, government, and social work courses.

### **Required Materials**

- Hubbard, R. Gleen and O'Brien, Anthony Patrick; My Lab with Pearson e-text- Instant Access-for Macroeconomics (8th Edition -Update Edition, ISBN-13: 9780135801284)
- Note: On-line access to the full text of Macroeconomics is included with purchase of MyLab Economics access, hence students are not obligated to buy a physical copy of the textbook.
- All homework will be distributed and graded through MyLab Economics, so you cannot pass this course without MyLab Economics class.

### **Registering for MyLab Economics Access**

Follow the steps mentioned on "Student Registration Instructions for Canvas" I have uploaded on canvas. Online access to the e-text and MyLab Economics must be accessed through Canvas. If you need additional guidance, consult the support site, especially the system requirements which list recommended browsers. If you have problems registering, purchasing, or logging in, please contact Customer Support.

Pearson Support is available to assist you on the phone, through email, or with on-line chat.

- Email services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Chat services are available Monday through Thursday (8:00 am- 12:00 am) and Friday (8:00 am- 10:00 pm)

## **Learning Outcomes and Objectives**

Upon successful completion of the course, you should be able to:

- Explain the role of scarcity, specialization, and cost-benefit analysis in economic decision making.
- Analyze how buyers and sellers interact in a free and competitive market to determine prices and quantities of a good.
- Identify the determinants of supply and demand; demonstrate the impact of shifts in supply and demand curves on equilibrium price and output.
- Define and measure Gross Domestic Product and national income, and rates of unemployment and inflation.
- Describe and analyze the sources of economic growth.
- Explain Keynesian economics using the Income- Expenditure Model.
- Construct the aggregate demand and aggregate supply model of the macro economy and use it to illustrate macroeconomic problems and potential monetary and fiscal policy solutions.
- Define money and the money supply; describe the process of money creation by the banking system and the role of the central bank.

## **Course Structure**

### ***Class Structure***

The class is meeting face-to-face twice a week for 1 hours and 15 minutes.

### ***Grading Policy***

I reserve the right to curve the scale dependent on overall class scores at the end of the semester. Any curve will only ever make it easier to obtain a higher letter grade. Incomplete will be given only under exceptional circumstances. Any kind of emergency must be documented to receive an “Incomplete”. Doing poorly in the course will not be considered a valid reason. The grade will be calculated using the following proportions:

- 20% of your grade will be determined by in class midterm exam 1
- 20% of your grade will be determined by in class midterm exam 2
- 5% of your grade will be determined by in class assessment exam
- 30% of your grade will be determined by the final exam
- 15% of your grade will be determined by homework
- 10% of your grade will be determined by discussions

*Final Grade = (Midterm 1 \* 0.20) + (Midterm 2 \* 0.20) + (assessment \* 0.05) + (Final Exam \* 0.30) + (Homework Average \* 0.15) + (Group discussion \*0.10)*

If your assessment exam is a higher score than any of your two previous midterm exams then your final grade will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Final Grade} = (\text{Average of assessment exam and midterm Exam (Higher) Scores} * 0.40) + (\text{Homework Average} * 0.15) + (\text{group discussion} * 0.10) + (\text{Final Exam} * 0.30) + (\text{assessment} * 0.05)$$

Table 1: Sample Grading Scheme

<u>Grading Scheme</u>					
Letter	Range	Letter	Range	Letter	Range
A	95.00 or above	B	83.00- 86.99%	C	70.00- 76.99%
A-	90.00-84.99%	B-	80.00- 82.99%	D	60.00- 69.99%
B+	87.00-89.99%	C+	77.00- 79.99%	F	59.99 or less

- All homework will be distributed and grade through MyLab Economics. The two lowest online homework assignments will be dropped.
- Exams and homework are going to be composed of multiple-choice questions. Final exam is cumulative and given in the last day of the class.
- There will be no extra credit of any kind offered to any student under any circumstances. If extra credit is given the entire class will have the opportunity to get it.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your grade, please contact the instructor immediately.
- You should be proactive about your grades, and do not wait until the last minute.
- You will be allowed two missed class session for which you would be marked present for.

### ***Homework***

- Homework consists of 20-30 questions from each chapter. Homework will be assigned once the chapter is completed and must be completed by the due date and time posted on MyLab. Students have TWO attempts to complete the homework assignment, in which the score will count as the recorded grade. The assignment will automatically close on the due date and time.
- Make sure to save and submit the assignment once you have completed it.
- Since the homework assignments are online, they are open-book and open-notes. However, a full understanding of the material will be needed to answer all the questions.

### ***Exams***

- There are two midterms, one assessment exam and one final exam. You are required to take all the exams at the scheduled time. All exams are hard-copied exams taken in class. Midterm exam 1 will test on the material that was taught up until the exam date, Midterm 2 will test on the material that was taught after Midterm 1 until the exam date, the assessment exam is cumulative and Final exam will test on the material that was taught after Midterm 2 until the exam date.
- Make-up exams: Unless you have a university-sanctioned schedule conflict there will be no make-up exams. If you think you have a schedule conflict, please notify me before the exam.
- Make sure to bring your Panther ID on the exam days.

### ***Assessment Exams***

This exam will be cumulative. These are questions set by the department; hence all grades and assessment of the grades would be sent to the department as well.

### ***Discussions***

The discussions would be in class so you would not be allowed to make an online submission. At the end of some chapters, you would be asked to form groups with a maximum 5 people to discuss and answer questions I would give in class. You get full credit for participation. Also, you would be pardoned for missing two discussion session, hence this should make up for emergencies you may have during the semester.

### ***Key Dates***

Classes Start.	Monday, January 9, 2023
Martin Luther King Day (No Classes).	Monday, January 16, 2023
Last Day to Add/Drop	Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Spring Break (No Classes)	Monday-Saturday, February 27-March 4, 2023
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, March 20, 2023
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, April 22, 2023
Finals Week (Required Class Meetings)*	Monday-Saturday, April 24-April 29, 2023
End of Term	Saturday, April 29, 2023
Degree Conferral Date	Saturday, April 29, 2023
Commencement	TBA
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, May 4, 2023

## Topics

The schedule is tentative and subject to change. Homework in the second half of the semester tends to build on the concepts in the first half of the semester, so it is important to at least review those concepts throughout the semester.

### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1. Economics: Foundations and Models

Chapter 2: Trade-offs, Comparative Advantage, and the Market System

Chapter 3. Where Prices Come From: The Interaction of Demand and Supply

Chapter 4. Economic Efficiency, Government Price Setting, and Taxes

### PART 3: MACROECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS AND LONG-RUN GROWTH

Chapter 8. GDP: Measuring Total Production and Income

**Midterm 1. Chapters 1, 2,3,4 and 8**

Chapter 9. Unemployment and Inflation

Chapter 10. Economic Growth, the Financial System, and Business Cycles

### PART 4: SHORT-RUN FLUCTUATIONS

Chapter 12. Aggregate Expenditure and Output in the Short Run

Chapter 13. Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Analysis

**Midterm 2. Chapters 9, 10,12, and 13**

### PART 5: MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

Chapter 14. Money, Banks, and the Federal Reserve System

Chapter 15. Monetary Policy

Chapter 16. Fiscal Policy

### PART 5: THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

Chapter 18. Macroeconomics in an Open Economy

**Assessment exam: All chapters**

**Final Exam: Chapters 14, 15, 16, and 18**

## Sources of Additional Macroeconomics Information

- Economics tutor center. The Economics Department has provided a classroom designed to assist students enrolled in various economics courses. The Tutoring Center is in VH 136 and is open Monday- Friday from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM. Economics Ph.D. students are available during these times to help with any questions you may have.
- [Greg Mankiw 's Blog](#)
- [The Economist](#)  
Free with Miami Dade Library Card [Miami Dade Library Card](#)
- [The New York Times](#)  
Activate your free access to [NYTimes](#)

- [The Wall Street Journal](#) Activate your free access to [WSJ](#)
- [Mark Thomas' Blog](#)
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- [NPR Podcast- Planet Money](#)

## **Course Policies**

### ***Attendance Policy***

Class attendance is required for all scheduled class lectures. However, you can miss classes if you have Covid-19 symptoms, or you were in contact with someone who was tested positive for Covid-19. In case you miss a class, please send me an email. Make sure to adhere to all of the health safety protocols issued by the university. For more information regarding FIU campus re-population, check the website [Panthers Protecting Panthers](#).

Invariably, students who miss classes fall to the bottom of the grading ladder. Reading the textbook is a complement to the lectures, not a perfect substitute for missing classroom lectures. The lectures may deviate from the textbook, and you can only be aware of the appropriate material if you attend the class. Some material in the textbook may be skipped in the lectures, while other material may be studied in more detail than is presented in the textbook. I will give examples, make clarifications, answer questions, and offer interpretations that may not be found in the textbook. Announcements concerning which material in the textbook will be emphasized or ignored, will be made in class. Students are responsible for all announcements made in class. Students are also responsible for all subsequent changes in the syllabus that are announced. Missing a lecture is no excuse.

### ***Policies on Late Assignments***

Late assignments will not be accepted and under no circumstances will make-up homework be allowed. A student who fails to complete the homework before the due date will receive a grade of "0" for the respective assignment. Deadlines are strictly enforced and are detailed on MyLab Economics, and on Canvas. Please be mindful of these dates, as they will not change. If you do miss an assignment (or two), remember that I drop the two lowest homework assignments so your grade will not be hurt. However, if you miss more than two homework assignments your homework grade will suffer.

### ***Technology policy***

I have a no laptop or cell phone policy. Additionally, because my goal is to promote long-term retention of this material this is best done through taking notes with a paper and pencil. You may choose to use a tablet with a stylus to take notes.

### ***Email policy***

Please use common courtesy when sending e-mails and use Canvas email system. I respond to all emails within 24 business hours. E-mails will be checked periodically. Messages will not be checked on the weekends.

### **Classroom etiquette**

- Arrive on time.
- No food or snacks.
- Please silence cellphones during class.
- If you need to use your cell phone for any non-academic purposes during class (i.e. social media, texting, checking voicemails, phone calls, and etc.) please step outside of the classroom.

### **Exam etiquette**

- You cannot not leave the class once the exam has started unless you are finished. Once you leave the classroom you will have to turn in your exam. Please use the bathroom before coming to class.
- No phones or other wireless devices are allowed on the exam.
- Please remove smart watches.

### **Academic Integrity and Honesty**

Students are required to comply with the F.I.U. university policy on academic integrity found in the [Academic Misconduct](#). Cheating in exams, homework, or any other assignment will not be tolerated. Those found cheating in any way will be reported to the relevant authorities of the university

### **Accommodations for Disabilities**

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, students must register at [Disability Services Office](#).

Discrimination based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation is a violation of state and federal law and/or Florida International University policy and will not be tolerated.

Please note: The syllabus is tentative and subject to change at the professor's discretion