

Economics 3 – Principles of Macroeconomics, Winter 2015

MWF,

Ledden Auditorium

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course studies the determination of economic growth, inflation, unemployment, interest rates and other macroeconomic aggregates.

Who am I?

- Professor of Economics – at UCSD since 1987.
- BA from University of Arizona (double major in Economics and Spanish).
- I worked for Toyota at their US headquarters in “marketing planning” before going to grad school.
- PhD from Stanford.
- Main area of research is macroeconomics. My current specialties are the effects of government spending and giant oil & gas discoveries.
- I serve on several Federal government committees, such as the Panel of Economic Advisers for the Congressional Budget Office.

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE CLASS

1. The UCSD custom edition of Principles of Economics, 5th Edition, by Frank and Bernanke (ISBN-9780077815653). This book is also used for Econ 1 and Econ 2. (The standard edition is a possible substitute, but you will have to figure out how the chapter numbers relate to the UCSD custom edition.)
2. A **nonprogrammable scientific calculator**. (Example, TI-30XA available on Amazon for \$9.)
3. **Materials** that I will post on ted.ucsd.edu.

COURSE WEB PAGE:

ted.ucsd.edu.

ALL course information, quizzes, and materials including a copy of this syllabus and the TAs' office hours and contact information are posted on the class web page.

There will also be a podcast available at:

<http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>

Weekly Routine

1. **Before** coming to class, download partial lecture notes for taking notes during class (written or electronic).
2. **During** class, take notes, ask questions, participate in discussion.
3. **Attend** your assigned discussion section (but not the first week).
3. **Complete** homework assignments on ted (typically one per week).

Grades

Item	% of course grade
Homework - the lowest percent score is automatically dropped.	10%
Discussion section - attendance and participation	5%*
Midterm #1 Wed. Jan. 28	20%
Midterm #2 Fri. Feb. 27	20%
Final Exam 9 - 9:50 class: Wed. March 18, 8 - 11 am 10-10:50 class: Fri. March 20, 8 - 11am	45%*

*If you score above the median on the first midterm, I will calculate your course grade as the maximum of
 $(10*HW + 5*Discussion + 20*MD1 + 20*MD2 + 45*Final,$
 $10*HW + 0*Discussion + 20*MD1 + 20*MD2 + 50*Final)$

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship: <http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/defining.html>. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Integrity Coordinator. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course in addition to the penalties imposed by the Academic Integrity Review Board.

The following are just a few examples of academic dishonesty:

- Having another student complete an assignment for you or give you answers to specific questions.
- Using unauthorized materials during an exam.
- Looking at another student's answers during an exam.
- Having someone else take your exam for you.
- Lying about having taken an exam or completed an assignment.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

1. If you have a documented disability, please come to talk to me as soon as possible so that I can make suitable accommodations for you. If you believe that you have a disability and desire accommodation, please register with the Office for Students with Disabilities.
2. If you need to miss a midterm for a verifiable medical/legal/sports reason, I will up-weight your grades on the other midterm and the final. Failure to notify me promptly that you must miss a midterm will result in a zero grade for that midterm. Unexcused absences will also result in a zero.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES (cont.)

3. If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains as long as no one has turned in his/ her exam and left the room. Once a classmate has turned in his/her exam, you will earn a zero on the test if you arrive late.
4. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please refer to Triton Link or contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245.

Topic Outline

Part 5: Macroeconomics: Data and Issues

Chapter 15: Spending, Income and GDP

Chapter 16: Inflation and the Price Level

Chapter 17: Wages and Unemployment

Part 6: The Economy in the Long-Run

Chapter 18: Economic Growth

Chapter 19: Savings, Capital Formation, and Financial Markets

Chapter 20: Money, Prices, and the Financial System

Part 7: The Economy in the Short-Run

Chapter 21: Short-Term Fluctuations

Chapter 22: Spending, Output, and Fiscal Policy

Chapter 23: Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve

Part 8: International Economy

Chapter 26: Exchange Rates, International Trade, and Capital Flows

Part 7: The Economy in the Short-Run (continued, if time permits)

Chapter 24: Aggregate Demand, Aggregate Supply, and Business Cycles

Chapter 25: Macroeconomic Policy