

Course Title: ECON 202: Introduction to Macroeconomics
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Prerequisites: MATH 111 or equivalent---A working knowledge of algebra and geometry.

Required Text: *Case, Karl E. and Ray C. Fair, Principles of Macroeconomics, Eighth Edition, Pearson/Prentice-Hall, 2007.*

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to help develop a working understanding of macroeconomics that enables students to follow macroeconomic events reported in the newspaper. Macroeconomics is that branch of economics that seeks to understand aggregate economic activity including national income determination, growth, business cycles, inflation, unemployment, interest rates, Federal Reserve policy and other related phenomena.

Exams and Grading:

The course grade depends upon your performance on two midterm exams, homework/worksheets/quizzes, and a comprehensive final exam. The weights are as follows:

First Midterm Exam	30%
Second Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Homework/Quizzes/Worksheets	10%

No make-up exams will be given.

Homework/Quizzes/Worksheets

To test your understanding of the class material, you will be given a variety of homework assignments and quizzes. There will be no make-ups for these items, so be sure to attend class and complete assignments on time.

Aplia

Aplia will be used for some of the homework assignments and quizzes. Not all assignments will be graded --- assignments on Aplia will indicate whether they are non-graded or graded.

Blackboard Course Site

The class Blackboard site will be used to post review sheets, announcements, syllabus, and grades. You are encouraged to access this site regularly.

Attendance: Required. Students are responsible for all material covered in class as well as any assignments, quizzes, or changes in test dates announced in class.

General Policies: During class, you should turn off your cell phone and not engage in activities that could distract the class, such as reading the newspaper or wearing headphones. Use of laptops computers is not allowed unless the student has previously received permission from the instructor.

Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, and facilitating the academic dishonesty of others are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on the exam, failure on the course, and/or expulsion from the university. Refer to the Schedule of Classes for more information on academic dishonesty.

Disabilities: Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations, who have any emergency medical information the instructor should know of, or who need special arrangements in the event of evacuation, should make an appointment with the instructor as early as possible, preferably during the first week of the term.

Tentative Reading List: Changes in Dates and/or reading assignments will be announced in class

<i>Week</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
1-2	<i>Review</i> (Students who have not had Econ 201 should read Chapters 1-3 on their own the first week of classes).
	<i>I. Macroeconomics: Concepts and Problems in Macroeconomics</i> Chapter 5: Introduction to Macroeconomics Chapter 6: Measuring national Output and National Income Chapter 7: Long Run and Short-Run Concerns
3-5	<i>II. The Goods Markets</i> Chapter 8: Aggregate Expenditure and Equilibrium Chapter 9: The Government and Fiscal Policy MIDTERM #1: Tuesday, February 5
6-8	<i>III. The Money Market</i> Chapter 10: The Money Supply and the Federal Reserve Chapter 11: Money Demand, the Equilibrium Interest Rate, and Monetary policy Chapter 12: Money, the Interest rate, and Output: Analysis and Policy MIDTERM #2: Thursday, February 28
9-10	<i>IV. Macroeconomic Analysis</i> Chapter 13: Aggregate Demand, Aggregate Supply, and Inflation Chapter 14: The Labor Market, Unemployment, and Inflation FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm

Note: I will periodically post announcements on Blackboard. Students are welcome to email me anytime at s.mcmullen@oregonstate.edu