

Special Topics in Economics (ECNG 1391)

Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None



Course Description

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student.

Required Textbook and Course Materials:

Principles of Macroeconomics, v. 1.1 by Libby Rittenberg and Timothy Tregarthen

<http://students.flatworldknowledge.com>

FREE DOWNLOADS OF THE ENTIRE BOOK:

<http://tinyurl.com/ECNG1391-Textbook-PDF>

<http://tinyurl.com/ECNG1391-Textbook-DOCx>

OPTIONAL RESOURCES:

<http://students.flatworldknowledge.com/course/1200715>

Computer and internet access to utilize integrated online component

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define economics and explain its nature and scope.
2. Describe Macroeconomics and differentiate with Microeconomics.
3. Explain the concepts of Unemployment and Inflation.
4. Contrast Fiscal and Monetary Policy.
5. Define and explain International Macroeconomics.

Course Outline

1. Introduction to Economics
 - a. The Art and Science of Economic Analysis.
 - b. Economic Tools and Economic Systems.
 - c. Economic Decision Makers.
 - d. Demand, Supply, and Markets.
2. Fundamentals of Macroeconomics
 - a. Introduction to Macroeconomics.
3. Productivity and Growth.
 - a. Tracking the U.S. Economy.
 - b. Unemployment and Inflation.
4. Aggregate Expenditure Components.
 - a. Aggregate Expenditure and Aggregate Demand.
 - b. Aggregate Supply.
5. Fiscal and Monetary Policy
 - a. Fiscal Policy.
 - b. Federal Budgets and Public Policy.
6. Money and the Financial System.
 - a. Banking and the Money Supply.
 - b. Monetary Theory and Policy.
 - c. The Policy Debate: Active or Passive?
7. International Economics
 - a. International Trade.

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b. International Finance.

c. Developing and Transitional
Economies.

Grade Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Evaluation

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| 1. Exam 1 | 33 1/3% |
| 2. Exam 2 | 33 1/3% |
| 3. Final Exam | 33 1/3% |

Course Requirements

1. Satisfactory exam grades.
2. Satisfactory attendance.
3. Satisfactory utilization of online component included with textbook.

Course Policies

1. A grade of 'C' or better must be earned in this course for credit toward degree requirement.
2. Proper classroom decorum must be maintained at all times.
3. No DISRUPTIONS will be tolerated and in this classroom, we will respect one another's right to learn.
4. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
5. Cell phones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class.
6. Do not bring children to class.
7. Do not walk out of class early without talking to me before the class begins.
8. Academic Dishonesty will be dealt with most strictly - An automatic F for the semester, plus a report will be filed.
9. On exam day, all desks MUST be clear except for exam materials. All purses, backpacks, notebooks, etc. should be stored under the desks - including CELL PHONES.
10. No late assignments will be accepted.
11. Makeup exams will not be given, unless arranged for in advance. If you miss an exam (including the final) for any reason, without making arrangements with me prior to the exam, you will receive a zero on that exam.

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12. Exams (including the final) will begin on time. If you are more than 5 minutes late for the exam, you will not be allowed to take it.
13. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an 'F' in the course.
14. Attendance is expected and required.
15. Additional class policies as defined by the individual course instructor.

Disabilities Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building.

Course Schedule

Week of	Topic
Week 1	Course introduction and policies; Introduction to Economics; The Art and Science of Economic Analysis
Week 2	Economic Tools and Economic Systems
Week 3	Economic Decision Makers
Week 4	Demand, Supply, and Markets
Week 5	First Hourly Exam; Introduction to Macroeconomics
Week 6	Productivity and Growth; Tracking the U.S. Economy.
Week 7	Unemployment and Inflation
Week 8	Aggregate Expenditure and Aggregate Demand
Week 9	Aggregate Supply
Week 10	Fiscal Policy
Week 11	Federal Budgets and Public Policy; Second Hourly Exam
Week 12	Banking and the Money Supply
Week 13	Monetary Theory and Policy
Week 14	The Policy Debate: Active or Passive
Week 15	International Trade
Week 16	International Finance, Final Exam

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