

Introduction to Macroeconomics
Eco s304L
Unique #83350
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Meeting Time: MTWThF 1:00pm-2:30pm
Meeting Location: UTC 1.118

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Course Description: From the course catalogue, this course covers analysis of the economy as a whole (its organization and the basic forces influencing its growth and development); money and banking, national income, public finance, and international linkages.

Prerequisite: Economics 304K with a grade of at least C-.

Text: Krugman and Wells, Macroeconomics, 3rd ed., 2012 (required)
Krugman, Wells and Kelly, Study Guide for Macroeconomics (optional)

You are responsible for the assigned reading from the textbook. I may assign homework problems from the textbook. You are welcome to purchase an older edition to save money, but you are responsible for making sure that you complete the correct homework problem. You may also consider renting the book or using an electronic version.

<http://www.universitycoop.com/>
<http://www.amazon.com/>
<http://ebooks.bfwpub.com/>

Blackboard: All handouts, such as this syllabus, homework and practice exams, will be available through the Blackboard page for this course. I will also use it to post exam grades. Blackboard access can be found at <https://courses.utexas.edu/>.

You can find support in using Blackboard at the ITS Help Desk at (512) 475-9400, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Instructional Methodology: This course will be a lecture/discussion format. Students are encouraged to ask questions.

Course Evaluation and Grading:

Midterms:	25% each
Final:	30%
Homework:	15%
Participation and Attendance:	5%

A letter grade will be assigned to you based on your weighted average course score and your performance relative to the rest of the class.

I do not give plusses and minuses.

Homework: There will be six homework assignments given throughout the class. The lowest homework grade will be dropped. I encourage you to work with other students. However, each student should turn in their own solutions and students should write up the assignment on their own. Absolutely no late assignments will be accepted. Homework will be posted on Blackboard.

The homework due dates are: July 19, July 24, July 31, August 2, August 7, and August 15

Exams: Exams will be multiple choice and short answer. I do not give make-up exams, early exams or retests. If you must miss an exam because of a medical or family emergency, or a religious holiday, the missing exam will be given the average grade from your non-missing exams. Otherwise, the grade will be a zero.

Attendance and Participation: This class only meets for five weeks so attendance to every class is important. For every unexcused absence beyond your second, I will subtract one percentage point from the participation and attendance grade (from 5% to 4% for the third absence, down to 3% for the fourth, etc.) Coming in late will count as an absence. Students are responsible for getting the notes for the class on the days they are absent.

Students must notify me by e-mail of an excused absence within three days. The e-mail should include the dates and the reason for their absence. Absences will be excused for illness, religious holy days, death in the family, or job interviews.

Course Calendar: This course meets July 15 to August 16 and will follow the schedule below.

Part I. July 15–19

Introduction to Macroeconomics
Chapters 6–8

Part II. July 22–24

Long Run Economics Growth
Chapter 9–10

Midterm 1 – July 26

Midterm I covers Parts I and II.

Part III. July 29–August 2

Short Run Fluctuations
Chapter 11–12

Part IV. August 2–8

Fiscal and Monetary Policy
Chapters 13–16

Midterm 2–August 9

Midterm II covers Part III and IV

Part V. August 12–August 13

Open Economy Macroeconomics
Chapter 19

Part VI. August 14 - 16

Examples and applications
No reading

Final Exam - August 17

The final exam is cumulative.

Please check <http://registrar.utexas.edu/students/exams> to confirm the time and location the exam.

Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 (voice) or 232-2937 (video phone) or <http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/>. UT policy requires students requesting accommodations to notify their professors in advance. Please notify me as soon as possible if you are seeking accommodations so we can make arrangements.

Cell Phones and Computers: Absolutely no cell phone use, including texting, in class. Please make sure you turn your ringer off and put your phone away before class. Students may use computers for class-related activities only.

Scholastic dishonesty: Acts prohibited by the college for which discipline may be administered include scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on an exam or quiz, plagiarizing, and unauthorized collaboration with another in preparing outside work. Academic work submitted by students shall be the result of their thought, research or self-expression. Academic work is defined as, but not limited to tests, quizzes, whether taken electronically or on paper; projects, either individual or group; classroom presentations, and homework.

Students who violate University rules on scholastic honesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the University. Since dishonesty harms the individual, fellow students, and the integrity of the University, policies concerning scholastic honesty will be strictly enforced.

If a student is suspected of committing an act of scholastic dishonesty, UT requires that they are reported to the Dean of Students. Doing so will initiate a process that you can read about at <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs>.

University of Texas Honor Code: The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

Academic Freedom: Each student is strongly encouraged to participate in class discussions. In any classroom situation that includes discussion and critical thinking, particularly about economic and political ideas, there are bound to be many differing viewpoints. Students may not only disagree with each other at times, but the students and instructor may also find that they have opposing views on sensitive and volatile topics. It is my hope that these differences will enhance class discussion and create an atmosphere where students and instructor alike will be encouraged to think and learn. Therefore, be assured that your grades will not be adversely affected by any beliefs or ideas expressed in class or in assignments. Rather, we will all respect the views of others when expressed in classroom discussions.

Use of E-mail for Official Correspondence to Students: All students should become familiar with the University's official e-mail student notification policy. It is the student's responsibility to keep the University informed as to changes in his or her e-mail address. Students are expected to check e-mail on a frequent and regular basis in order to stay current with University-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical. It is recommended that e-mail be checked daily, but at a minimum, twice per week. The complete text of this policy and instructions for updating your e-mail address are available at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/help/utmail/1564>.

Q Drop Policy: The State of Texas has enacted a law that limits the number of course drops for academic reasons to six. As stated in Senate Bill 1231, "Beginning with the fall 2007 academic term, an institution of higher education may not permit an undergraduate student a total of more than six dropped courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education, unless the student shows good cause for dropping more than that number."

Emergency Evacuation Policy: Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when you entered the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform me in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow my instructions.

Do not re-enter a building unless you're given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.