ECO 200. Principles of Macroeconomics
TR 12:45 - 2:05, Room: Mahar 220

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Course Objective:
Economics is about making choices, and this course is about how choices are made in the economy as a whole. Here you will learn how the economy operates, how to measure the economy’s performance, and how to change the course of economic events. After completing this class you should be able to understand the fundamental principles of how the economy works, analyze the indicators of economic activity, understand where the aggregate demand and supply come from, and talk about policy tools for impacting economic performance.

Required Course Materials:


i>clicker: I expect you to have your clickers ready by Tuesday, September 2. You must register them on Angel. To do so click on the very first link in the "Learning Modules" tab.

Aplia: Follow the link: http://login.cengagebrain.com/course/JPTM-M695-86D5. Course key is JPTM-M695-86D5. More instructions on how to access Aplia are on Angel, in the "Learning Modules" tab.

Grade Policy:

i>clicker 20% Several lowest grades will be dropped
Aplia 20% Watch for announcements on due dates
Midterm 30% Midterm exam covers the first half of the material
Final 30% Final exam covers the second half of the material

i>clicker: There will be regular clicker activities in the classroom. It is your responsibility to have a functioning clicker for every class. There are no make-ups for missed activity. The lowest 20% of your clicker grades will be dropped. These should cover all possible forgotten/broken clicker issues, no batteries problems and missed classes.

Aplia: Aplia assignments will give you a chance to practice the new material at home. A few lowest grades will also be dropped. You will get plenty of chances to do well in these assignments as long as you do not miss the deadlines. After the deadline there are no make-ups.

Missed Exam Policy: If you have a documented reason to miss an exam, you have to let me know in advance and get my approval. Students who have missed an exam and have provided an official document presenting the unavoidable reason will retake that exam at another time. Makeup exam may not be the same as the original version. If you do not have a documented excuse, you get a zero for the missed test.
Course Outline*:

Chapter 1. The Art and Science of Economics Analysis
Chapter 2. Economic Tools and Economic Systems
Chapter 3. Economic Decision Makers
Chapter 4. Demand, Supply, and Markets
Chapter 5. Introduction to Macroeconomics
Chapter 6. Tracking the U.S. Economy
Chapter 7. Unemployment and Inflation
Chapter 8. Productivity and Growth
Chapter 9. Aggregate Expenditure and Aggregate Demand
Chapter 10. Aggregate Supply

Midterm Exam .............................................. October 16

Chapter 11. Fiscal Policy
Chapter 12. Federal Budgets and Public Policy
Chapter 13. Money and the Financial System
Chapter 14. Banking and the Money Supply
Chapter 15. Monetary Theory and Policy
Chapter 16. Macro Policy Debate: Active or Passive?
Chapter 17. International Trade
Chapter 18. International Finance
Chapter 19. Economic Development

Final Exam ......................................................... (10:30 - 12:30) December 11

Attendance: You are strongly encouraged to come to every class. If you have to miss a class, there is no need to report your reasons to the instructor. You may take advantage of the Panopto video recording that will be available on Angel.

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Note: If after a final exam you get 79.4%, it is a C+ and there is no way to get a B. There will be no extra assignments to raise your grade.

Academic Honesty: “Intellectual integrity on the part of all students is basic to individual growth and development through college course work. When academic dishonesty occurs, the teaching/learning climate is seriously undermined and student growth and development are impeded. For these reasons, any form of intellectual dishonesty is a serious concern and is therefore prohibited. Instructors who determine that a student has engaged in an act of intellectual dishonesty may impose an academic penalty, including that of a failing grade for the course on that student.”

Disability Statement: If you have a disabling condition which may interfere with your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) located at 155 Campus Center, phone: (315) 312-3358, email: dss@oswego.edu

*The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus, notifying students about any changes in class.