

San José State University
Department of Economics
Econ 1A, Prin of Econ , Sec 62(43565), Fall, 30 Tc 08A1-7.9 (30M

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Office Hours: Tu: 5:15-6:15pm, F 1:00-2:00pm, and by appointment
Class Days/Time: Fridays: 10:00am-12:45pm
Classroom: BBC 204
Prerequisites: Math Remediation completed or a post baccalaureate

“It is no crime to be ignorant of economics, which is, after all, a specialized discipline and one that most people consider to be a ‘dismal science.’ But it is totally irresponsible to have a loud and vociferous opinion on economic subjects while remaining in this state of ignorance.”

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Course Description

Determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth.

Note: May be taken concurrently or prior to ECON 1B.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

Students will be encouraged to use the economic way of thinking to analyze human behavior, to critically approach economic and political news and to make a better sense of the world around them. Upon successful completion of this course, students will have an understanding of and be able to apply the following principles/concepts:

Comparative Advantage: specialization and the gains from trade; production possibilities; globalization

Macroeconomic Measures: real versus nominal calculations; GDP and its components; unemployment figures; price indexes; calculation of inflation

Macroeconomic Models: circular flow; the market for loanable funds and interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money and price level determination; aggregate supply and demand; monetary and fiscal policy

Economic Growth: factors of production; savings and investment; productivity

Required Text

N. Gregory Mankiw: Study Guide for Mankiw's Brief Principles of Macroeconomics, 7th ed.

ISBN-13: 978-1285864266

(The full textbook can be helpful as well, but only the study guide is required. It is up to you to decide if you need the full text. No code or link to "Cengage Learning" is required.)

Other requirements

In this class, you will be accessing study materials through the Canvas learning management system. You will also be able to access practice problems on Canvas.

To begin, you need to know how to access Canvas.

Login URL : <https://sjsu.instructure.com>

Username : SJSU Digit ID

Password : your SJSU One Account Credentials

After logging in, select "FA19: Econ 1A Sec 62 - Prin of Econ" under "Courses".

You will also have homework to do almost every week through the Sapling Learning website. Go to www.saplinglearning.com/login to log in or create an account. The detailed instructions on how to access this site may be found here:

<https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/article/SaplingLearningRegisteringfor-courses>

Information about the latest changes and news is available [at the Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/)
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Assignments and Grading Policy

60% of class points are awarded for performance on Exams.
There will be 3 exams given during the course and one Final exam.
The lowest midterm exam score will be dropped (**NOT** the final!)
(10% of the lowest midterm exam score will count as extra credit towards Exam 3)
10% of class points will be awarded for performance on class quizzes
No make-up Exams or Quizzes will be given! (part of why lowest score is dropped)
10% of class points will be awarded for online discussions
20% of class points will be awarded for performance on the sapling learning assignments

Grading Scale: number of points (percentages).....letter grade

97-100.....A+	93-96.....A	90-92.....A
87-89.....B+	83-86.....B	80-82.....B
77-79.....C+	73-76.....C	70-72.....C
67-69.....D+	63-66.....D	60-62.....D
		0-59.....F

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Economics Department Tutoring

The Economics department has available tutoring for students as posted in DMH 147. Upper division and graduate students are very happy to work with you on in-class to help you better understand the principles of macroeconomics.

Student Technology Resources

Computer labs for student use are available in [The Academic Success Center](#)

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Schedule is subject to change with fair notice either in class or online through canvas
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