

Department of Economics
Econ 1A-01, Principles of Macroeconomics
Spring, 2019 (23041)

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	TTH 4:30 to 5:45 pm
Classroom:	DMH 357
Prerequisites:	Basic high school algebra and geometry recommended

Course Format

Lecture and class discussion with online homework assignments.

Course Description

Official Catalogue Description: Determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth. Notes: May be taken concurrently or prior to ECON 1B.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the following concepts in homework, exams, and class discussions:

- Macroeconomic Measures (real versus nominal calculations, components and concept of GDP; components and concept of unemployment figures, calculation of inflation)
- Macroeconomic Models (supply and demand, monetary and fiscal policy; the market for loanable funds & interest rate determination; aggregate supply and aggregate demand)
- Comparative Advantage (specialization and the gains from trade, globalization)
- Role of public policy in altering economic outcomes.

Course Requirements and Assignments

This course requires regular textbook readings assignments and regular homework assignments as described below. Students who fall behind will find it difficult to catch-up. In addition, there will also be periodic special classroom activities which will be announced in advance but may not be included in the class schedule. Students who miss class are responsible for checking Canvas for upcoming activities and any changes in the Schedule announced in class.

University Policy S16-9 requires the following language to be included in the syllabus:

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (**normally three hours per unit per week**) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Principles of Macroeconomics 2e, Greenlaw, Shapiro and Taylor, ICBN-13: 978-1-947172-38-8. Accessible online through OpenStax at no charge: <https://openstax.org/details/books/principles-macroeconomics-2e>. You will also be able to access the text through Sapling Learning once you have created an account through Canvas. I recommend obtaining a hardcopy of the text. It is available through OpenStax, the Spartan Bookstore, or elsewhere for \$35 or less.

Examination and Quizzes

University Policies

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University.

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>” **Make sure to review these policies and resources**

Course Schedule

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Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
0	1/24/2019	First Class
1	1/29	Ch. 1 – Welcome to Economics
1	1/31	Ch. 1 Sapling Due; Class Discussion - Globalization
2	2/5	Ch. 2 – Choice in a World of Scarcity
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