

San José State University
Econ 1A-61, Principles of Macroeconomics
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Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	TTH 4:30 to 5:45pm
Classroom:	DMH 165
Prerequisites:	Basic high school algebra and geometry recommended

Catalog 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.

Required Text/Other Technology

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.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

You will need internet access for Canvas, where important class information will be posted, and for Sapling, the homework component of this course.

You will need a basic calculator for quizzes and exams (no smart phones or other internet connectivity allowed). You will need 3 Scantrons over the course of the semester (2 midterms and 1 final exam). I recommend obtaining an inexpensive file folder to keep your course materials and returned quizzes and exams organized.

Canvas: You will need to register for Canvas, which is free for all SJSU students. Instructions for enrolling in Canvas are available through my.sjsu.edu/. You will need to be registered for Canvas to obtain access to Sapling Learning, the online learning component of this course.

Sapling Learning: There is a one-time fee of \$42.00 for the Sapling Homework component of this course. However, you may enroll in Sapling and begin doing the assignments for a period of time before the fee is due.

How to register for Sapling Learning:

1. Follow the Sapling Learning link from your instructor's course page.
 - a. For initial registration, your Sapling Learning homework must be accessed through that link. After logging in once using this link, you can log in to subsequent sessions from your instructor's course page or from the Sapling home page.
2. If you already have a Macmillan Learning account you can log in with your existing credentials and skip to step 4.
 - a. Create your password and set all three security questions.
 - b.

6. **Need Help?** Answers to many common questions are found in our Student Support Community. If you need direct assistance you can also contact technical support:

additional point added on to your final grade. There may be other extra credit activities announced during the semester, **but no more than 3 extra credit points may be earned during the semester.**

Classroom Protocol

Students are expected to be on time and be engaged. Phones are to be turned off or set to silent alarm. If you need to enter or leave during class, please do so as unobtrusively as possible. Extraneous conversation (crosstalk) is distracting to the rest of the class and should be avoided. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Repeated violations of these policies may result in a reduced grade or other appropriate actions.

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.**

Date	Reading Assign.	Topics, Activities, Due Dates
4/16	Ch. 17	Ch. 17 Fiscal Policy
4/21		Ch. 17 Sapling Due
4/23	Ch. 18	Ch. 18 Government Borrowing
4/28		Ch. 18 Sapling Due; Quiz #6
4/30	Ch. 20	Ch. 20 International Economics
5/5		Ch. 20 Sapling Due
5/7	Ch. 21	Globalization & Protectionism; Practice Quiz
5/13	Final Exam	Wed. - 2:45pm - Regular Classroom