San José State University

Department of Economics

ECON2A, SEC80, Macroeconomics Online Lab

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Of ce Hours: By appointment ¹

Classroom: This is an online class with no physical meeting location.

Class Days/Time: NA

Prerequisites: A three-unit principles of microeconomics class, ECON 1A

1 University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Of ce of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' Syllabus Information web page.

2 Canvas

Canvas is the Learning Management System at SJSU. Please be sure you can log in and are receiving my announcements. Although I will be communicating with the class through Canvas, if you have an individual question for me, please email me directly.

3 Course Description

ECON 2A is an online one-unit introductory macroeconomics course. Topics include production and growth, unemployment, money and in ation, saving, investment, and the nancial system, international

¹Email is my preferred form of communication.

trade, and nance. To complete this course, each student is required to use Cengage's MindTap to have access to the online homework assignments. The class will not meet physically and announcements will be through Canvas. Please pay close attention to announcements and deadlines.

4 Course Learning Outcomes and Program Learning Objectives

This course ts into the following Department of Economics program leaning objectives (PLO).

PLO 1: Macroeconomics

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate the following:

CLO 1: Explain core concepts in macroeconomics.

CLO 2: Use macroeconomic models to examine, assess, and criticize policies, projects and other current events.

5 Readings

5.1 Primary Textbook

Principles of Macroeconomics 9th Edition, N. Gregory Mankiw

Through the MindTap website you will get access to the interactive textbook, instructional videos, practice problems, and homework assignments. Hence, you do not need to buy the textbook. This online homework program will cost each student \$130 to access.

6 Assignments and Grading Policy

This is a pass or fail course. To pass, you are required to

Do all homework assignments

and

2. Achieve a cumulative score of 70% at the end of the semester

This course may only be taken twice to achieve a passing grade.

6.1 Homework

There will be 16 homework assignments. Each homework assignment has varying number of questions/points and therefore weighted differently. Homework assignments, altogether, have 293 points. To achieve the passing score of 70% you must accumulate a minimum of 206 points over the semester. Starting from January 31th, homework assignments are due on Fridays 5:00 PM every week. For a detailed list of readings and corresponding assignments see Table 1.

6.2 MindTap

Be sure to acquaint yourself with the MindTap website and notice the speci c due dates. Use this link to sign up for the course:

https://www.cengage.com/dashboard//course-con rmation/MTPNLS7NSBTV/initial-course-con rmation

Through the MindTap website you will get access to the interactive textbook, instructional videos, practice problems, and homework assignments. Deadlines are very important in this class. Starting from the second week of the semester, homework assignments are due every week on Fridays 5:00 PM.