

**San José State University**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Econ 1A, Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics, Section 63, Spring 2020**

**Course and Contact Information**

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<b>Class Days/Time:</b>	Monday & Wednesday/ 1:30pm – 2:45pm
<b>Classroom:</b>	DMH 165
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	May be taken concurrently or prior to Econ 1B

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**Course Description**

This course stimulates interest in students about determining economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth. May be taken concurrently or prior to ECON 1B.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students have concrete foundation to pursue intermediate study in macroeconomic theory related to three broad areas: comparative advantage, macroeconomic measures, and macroeconomic models. Specific learning objectives include:

- Comparative Advantage (specialization and the gains from trade; globalization)
- Macroeconomic Measures (real versus nominal calculations; components and concept of GDP; components and concept of unemployment figures; calculation of inflation)
- Macroeconomic Models (circular flow; monetary and fiscal policy; the market for loanable funds & interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money & price level determination)



## Grading Information

Converting number grades to letter grades:

95-100 A+	90-94 A	85-89 A-	80-84 B+	75-79 B	70-74 B-	
65-69 C+	60-64 C	55-59 C-	50-54 D+	45-49 D	40-44 D-	0-39 F

If you experience any difficulty in this course, please do not hesitate to come to me for help. I am available not only during office hours but also by email and appointment. I am always happy to clarify difficult concepts, resolve any lingering confusion, or otherwise assist you in making this course enjoyable and rewarding.

## Determination of Grades

10 Sapling Assignments (10 pts each)	25%
Class Participation	10%
Mid-term 1	20%
Mid-term 2	20%
Final Exam	25%

12 Sapling assignments will be given over the course of the semester; I will drop your two lowest scored assignments. This means you may miss or skip two assignments if you choose. You must have 10 assignment scores; any additional missing assignments will be counted as zeroes.

I do not recommend missing sapling assignments, as they will cover important material that will be on midterm and final exams.

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*The schedule is subject to change with fair notice in class and on Canvas.*

### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	01/27	Introduction and Chapter 1, The Big Ideas
2	01/29	Chapter 2, The Power of Trade and Comparative Advantage, <b>Assignment # 1</b>
2	02/03	Chapter 3, Supply and Demand
3	02/05	Chapter 3, Continued
3	02/10	Chapter 4, Equilibrium: How Supply and Demand Prices, <b>Assignment # 2</b>
4	02/12	Chapter 5, Price Ceilings and Floors
4	02/17	Chapter 6, GDP and the Measurement of Progress, <b>Assignment # 3</b>
5	02/19	Chapter 7, The Wealth of Nations and Economic Growth
<b>5</b>	<b>02/24</b>	<b>MIDTERM 1</b>
6	02/26	Chapter 9, Saving, Investment, and Financial System, <b>Assignment # 4</b>
6	03/02	Chapter 10, Stock Markets and Personal Finance
7	03/04	Chapter 11, Unemployment and Labor Force Participation
7	03/09	Chapter 11, Continued, <b>Assignment 5</b>
8	03/11	Chapter 12, Inflation and the Quantity Theory of Money
8	03/16	Chapter 12, Continued, <b>Assignment 6</b>
9	03/18	Chapter 13, Business fluctuations: Aggregate Demand and Supply, <b>Assignment#7</b>
9	03/23	Chapter 13, Continued
<b>10</b>	<b>03/25</b>	<b>MIDTERM 2</b>
10	03/30-04/03	SPRING RECESS "NO CLASSES" 03/30

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>
15	05/06	Chapter 21, Political Economy and Public Choice, <b>Assignment 12</b>
16	05/11	Review for Final Exam
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>05/18 Monday</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM – 12:15pm – 2:30pm</b>