

**San José State University**  
**College of Social Sciences/Economics**  
**Econ 1A, Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics, Section 4, Spring 2022**

**Course and Contact Information**

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**Classroom:** DMH 166  
**Prerequisites:** May be taken concurrently or prior to Econ 1B

**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.

**MYSJSU Messaging and Canvas**

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](#). You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](#) on [Spartan App Portal](#) (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

**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)

**Required Texts/Readings**

**Textbook**

- Alexander Tabarrok - Worth Publishers – 2010

ISBN-13: 978-1429239981 ISBN-10: 1429239980

This book is easily available on [www.v-12\(w\)2:12\(w\)2:\[w\]2f-\]0B.cwBT8 0 55 gw2 280.68 1d\(292Tm923998\)-1w](http://www.v-12(w)2:12(w)2:[w]2f-]0B.cwBT8 0 55 gw2 280.68 1d(292Tm923998)-1w)

You also need to buy access to an online course offered by **Achieve**. The cost is \$42.

### **Other Readings**

Other reading material will be posted on the class website on Canvas.

### **Other technology requirements / equipment / material**

As mentioned above, you need to buy access to an online course offered by **Achieve**. You also need to familiarize yourself with **Canvas** as all communications will be done through this portal.

### **Library Liaison**

Christa Bailey, [christa.bailey@sjsu.edu](mailto:christa.bailey@sjsu.edu)

### **Course Requirements and Assignments**

The course consists of two midterms, one comprehensive final exam, and weekly online assignments (Achieve). The midterms and final exam cover material presented in class. Achieve assignments reinforce the key course concepts.

Students should attend all class meetings, not only because they are responsible for the discussed material, but also because active participation frequently ensures maximum benefit for all classmates. Attendance per se, though, shall not be used as a criterion for grading. Participation, however, is.

If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what transpired in it. Ask fellow students, review their notes, and re-read the textbook to learn what was covered. If I have covered the answer to a question in class, I will refer you to class materials for you to find the answer.

“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

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>D plus</i>	<i>50 to 54%</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>45 to 49%</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>40 to 44%</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>0 to 39%</i>

“This course must be passed with a C- or better as a CSU graduation requirement.”

### **Determination of Grades**

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

12 Achieve 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 Achieve assignments, as they will cover important material that will be on midterm and final exams. However, things come up in life so I offer the dropped score option for unanticipated disruptions to your schedule. Having said this, because you have the opportunity to drop two assignments, I will not accept any late submissions. There will be firm deadlines for all assignments and late assignments will be recorded as a zero.

\*If a personal emergency comes up causing you to miss a midterm for a *verified and valid* personal emergency or medical reason *documented to me in advance of or immediately after the exam*, the final exam will then take on the weight of the final plus the missed midterm. If a similar situation takes place around the final exam for a *verified and valid* reason





