

San José State University
Department of Economics
ECON 1A Principles of Macroeconomics
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Section 7

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Office Hours: Email to arrange for virtual meeting
Class Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday 9am-10:15am
Classroom: Dudley Moorhead Hall 166
Prerequisites: May be taken concurrently or prior to Econ. 1B
GE/SJSU Studies Category: Area D1: Social Science, Human Behavior

Course Format

Content and assignments will be delivered and completed both in person and online. Class lectures and activities will take place in person, coupled with an online discussion platform (Packback).

Course Description

Determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, price level and the rate of economic growth.

Course Learning Outcomes: TE5c /P <</MCI 3 0 Td [(:)]TJ Hp [(:)]r4 (oupl)-2 (e)-4 0 Td ()Tj /TT (d w)2 (

2. Ability to identify and study key Macroeconomic Measures real v. nominal calculations; components and the concept of GDP; components and the concept of unemployment figures; calculation of inflation.
3. Critically evaluate Macroeconomic Policy Fiscal v. Monetary policy; and role of the banking system and financial markets.
4. Supply and Demand: understand and apply the notion that economics is about the allocation of scarce resources, that scarcity forces choice, tradeoffs exist and that every choice has an opportunity cost.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Modern Principles: Macroeconomics by Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok (2nd, 3rd or 4th Edition)

Grading Policy

Your grade in this course consists of one midterm, one final exam, and twelve quizzes (out of twelve possible scores) and Packback. The quizzes, midterm and final exam cover material presented both in lectures and in the textbook.

Quizzes are an important component of your grade. I will not list a schedule of quizzes; they will generally be announced the day before they are due. Twelve quizzes will be offered, of which, your ten best scores will count toward your grade (you will get to drop your two lowest quiz scores). These quizzes will be excellent preparation for questions on the midterms and the final exam. If you miss a quiz there are no opportunities for makeups.

Participation is a requirement for this course, and the Packback Questions platform will be used for online discussion about class topics. Packback Questions is an online community where you can be curious and ask open-ended questions to build on top of what we are covering in class and relate topics to real-world applications. Access to Packback will cost students \$28.75. Details on how to register for Packback will be provided on Canvas.

Your final grade will be based on the following categories and weights:

Quizzes	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	35%
Packback	15%

Your final numerical grade will be the weighted average of your scores in the above categories, and your corresponding letter grade will be assigned as follows:

Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade
97.5% to 100%	A+	93% to 97.49%	A	90% to 92.9%	A-
87.5% to 89.9%	B+	83% to 87.49%	B	80% to 82.9%	B-
77.5% to 79.9%	C+	73% to 77.49%	C	70% to 72.9%	C-
67.5% to 69.9%	D+	63% to 67.49%	D	60% to 62.9%	D-
0% to 59.9%	F				

To earn GE credit for this course, you must earn a C or better.

Online Classroom Protocol

Please act respectfully in all online forums; zoom meetings, Packback, Canvas messaging, etc... I would like to encourage a great deal of interaction via our online option

Week	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
13	CT. Ch. 19 (parts of Ch. 20 International Finance)
14 (5/3)	CT Ch. 21 Political Economy and Public Choice