

**San José State University, College of Social Science**  
**Econ 1A-11, Principles of Macroeconomics**  
**Spring, 2022**

**Course and Contact Information**

Instructor:	Don Crooks
Office Location:	DMH 219
Email:	Use Canvas email
Office Hours:	Thurs. 2:00 to 2:45 pm or by appointment
Class Days/Time:	Tues. 6:00 to 8:45 pm
Classroom:	166 DMH
Prerequisites:	Basic high school algebra and geometry recommended

**SJSU 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.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to discuss and answer questions related to three broad areas of economics including:

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);

Comparative Advantage (specialization and the gains from trade; globalization).

**Course Format**

This is an in-person class, although many components are conducted online. In-person attendance is required on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm throughout the semester.

Part 1 of the class will start at 6:00 pm. and be devoted to the current chapter according to the Class Schedule. Students are expected to have completed the required reading, watched the posted lectures, and completed the homework assignments for the current chapter by class time. There will be class activities and discussion to enhance students' understanding of the current chapter.

Quizzes and the Midterm Exam will be administered in-person as indicated on the Class Schedule. Part 2 of the class will be devoted to lectures on the upcoming chapter. Lectures will be posted on Canvas for students to watch at their convenience.

See the attached Course Schedule for more detailed information on course activities and due dates.

**Unforeseen circumstances may require changes to this schedule. Changes will be announced on Canvas as soon as they become known and announced in class when possible.** Students are responsible for checking Canvas regularly for the latest information.

**Course Requirements and Assignments**

This course requires regular reading assignments, viewing of recorded lectures, online homework assignments, and in-person class activities. Attendance *per se* shall not be used as a criterion for grading per Academic Policy F-69-24. However, missed activities will count against you. Regular participation is **strongly** recommended. Course concepts are cumulative, so students who fall behind will find it difficult to catch-up.

***University Policy S16-9 requires the following language to be included in the syllabus:***

“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 credit hour).”

## Grading Information

All activities will receive a numerical grade, based on your performance relative to others in the class (curved). It is not a percentage grade. At the end of the semester your numerical grade will be translated into a letter grade as follows; 100-97 A+, 96-94 A, 93-90 A-, 89-87 B+, 86-84 B, 83-80 B-, 79-77 C+, 76-74 C, 73-70 C-, 69-67 D+, 66-64 D, 63-60 D-, and less than 60 F. Normal rounding rules apply. Your final grade will be weighted as follows:

<u>Activity:</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Quizzes	20%
Classroom activities	10%
Achieve HW	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	30%

Grades for all activities will be posted on Canvas when graded. Students will be able to see their current course grade by clicking on the Grade tab in Canvas. However, the total grade will not include any extra credit earned in the course. Any extra credit earned will be added onto your total grade before submitting to SJSU.

**Extra Credit:** There will be a limited number of extra credit opportunities available in this course. The total number of extra credit opportunities available in this course is 2.4 (rounded down to 2). Each extra credit opportunity is worth 5% of the total grade. The maximum number of extra credit opportunities that can be earned in this course is 2. The maximum number of extra credit opportunities that can be earned in this course is 2. The maximum number of extra credit opportunities that can be earned in this course is 2.