

San José State University
ECON 1A, Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics
Syllabus
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Course and Contact Information

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Email is the best contact method for any questions or concerns. I will respond to emails within 48 business hours. Please do not expect a response to emails sent late at night or on weekends. Emails should include a proper salutation and be grammatically correct.

Virtual Office Hours: Tu 1:30pm – 3pm by appointment only
Via email, phone, and/or Zoom video

- f* Describe and apply the concepts of Comparative Advantage: specialization and the gains from trade; production possibilities; globalization
- f* Recall and apply Macroeconomic Measures: real versus nominal calculations; GDP and its components; unemployment figures; calculation of inflation
- f* Reproduce Macroeconomic Models and relate to current events and policies: circular flow; monetary and fiscal policy; the market for loanable funds and interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money and price level determination

Required Course Materials

Modern Principles: Macroeconomics, Fifth Edition | ©2021

Tyler Cowen; Alex Tabarrok

Macmillan Learning

ISBN-13: 9781319329587; ISBN-10: 1319329586; **Format: Achieve, 1 term access**

Achieve is **REQUIRED** for the course. It includes the following:

- f* eBook
- f* LearningCurve, a personalized study plan and adaptive assessment tool
- f* Online Activities, Homework and Quizzes
- f* Multimedia and interactive tutorials for practice and mastery of concepts
- f* Seamless integration with Canvas

Students can choose to purchase a print text as well but it is optional. Special package ISBNs with the print text bundled with an Achieve access card are available online. **Used books DO NOT include Achieve access.** Achieve Registration Instructions (and purchase options) can be found on Canvas.

Other Readings and Multimedia

Online articles

Online videos

Online assessments

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This course requires the use of Respondus for el

Course Schedule

The schedule below is a guideline and may be subject to change with notice.

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading Assignments
1	01/24 - 01/30 (mon-sun) 01/26: First day of instruction	Introduction and Syllabus; Big Ideas in Economics	Purchase Macmillan Learning Achieve for Modern Principles: Macroeconomics; Cowen and Tabarrok 5th edition (CT), Ch. 1
2	01/31-02/06	Power of Trade and Comparative Advantage	CT, Ch. 2
3	02/07-02/13 02/07: Last day to drop without a W grade	Supply and Demand	CT, Ch. 3
4	02/14-02/20	Equilibrium: How Supply and Demand Determine Prices	CT, Ch. 4
5	02/21-02/27	GDP & Economic Growth	CT, Ch. 6
6	02/28-03/06 03/03: Exam 1	Exam 1 (covers weeks 2-5) Exam proctored online via Respondus	Review for Exam 1
7	03/07-03/13	Saving, Investment, and the Financial System	CT, Ch. 9
8	03/14-03/20		