

San José State University
Department of Economics
Econ 1A, Prin of Econ, Sec 12 (30746), Spring, 2023

Course and Contact Information

Instructor: Math Remediation completed or a post baccalaureate

Description

Course covers economy-wide topics, including the determination of 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.

Format

Course adopts a mostly classroom delivery format with some online elements. Therefore, students are expected to have internet connectivity, access to a computer, and the use of several websites, including the Canvas page and an iClicker.com account.
Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on

[Leaning Management System course login website](#), to critically approach economic and political news and to make a better sense of the world around them. [Canvas](#)

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) (Required - Delete the word “Required” in final draft)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have an understanding of and be able to apply the following principles/concepts:

1. **Comparative Advantage:** specialization and the gains from trade; production possibilities; globalization
2. **Macroeconomic Measures:** real versus nominal calculations; GDP and its components; unemployment figures; price indexes; calculation of inflation
3. **Macroeconomic Models:** circular flow; the market for loanable funds and interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money and price level determination; aggregate supply and demand; monetary and fiscal policy

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

N. Gregory Mankiw: Brief Principles of Macroeconomics, 9th ed.

ISBN: 9780357698563 (this is the e-text, feel free to get a paper copy if you like)

(Some versions of this text come with access to the Cengage publisher website materials. No code or link to “Cengage Learning” is required.)

Other technology requirements /

Grading Information

Grading Scale: number of points (percentages).....letter grade

97-100.....A+ 93-96.....A 90-92.....A-
87-89.....B+ 83-86.....B 80-82.....B-
77-79.....C+ 73-76.....C 70-72.....C-
67-69.....D+ 63-66.....D 60-62.....D- 0-59.....F

All graded assignments will be “curved” to bring the average score up to 75%.

There are no make-up exams or quizzes. Instead, one of the first three exam scores (not the final exam) and two quiz scores will be dropped.

Late written assignments will be accepted at a penalty of 10% per week it is late. The penalty applies on the first day of the late week (one day after the due date).

10% of the exam score that is dropped is counted as extra credit!

There will be other small assignments for extra credit throughout the semester, but no substantial amount of extra credit will be offered at the end of the semester to raise course grades.

If “optional assignments” are completed, they are graded as a regular assignment and count towards the overall course grade (and can possibly lower that grade if done poorly)

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](#) (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Student Technology Resources

Computer labs for student use are available in the [Academic Success Center](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/at/asc/> located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall and in the Associated Students Lab on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library. A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include DV and HD digital camcorders; digital still cameras; video, slide and overhead projectors; DVD, CD, and audiotape players; sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

SJSU Peer Connections

Peer Connections, a campus-wide resource for mentoring and tutoring, strives to inspire students to develop their potential as independent learners while they learn to successfully navigate through their university experience. You are encouraged to take advantage of their services which include course-content based tutoring, enhanced study and time management skills, more effective critical thinking strategies, decision making and problem-solving abilities, and campus resource referrals.

In addition to offering small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring for a number of undergraduate courses, consultation with mentors is available on a drop-in or by appointment basis. Workshops are offered on a wide variety of topics including preparing for the Writing Skills Test (WST), improving your learning and memory, alleviating procrastination, surviving your.

Peer Connections is located in three locations: SSC, Room 600 (10th Street Garage on the corner of 10th and San Fernando Street), at the 1st floor entrance of Clark Hall, and in the Living Learning Center (LLC) in Campus Village Housing Building B. Visit [Peer Connections website](http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu) at <http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu> for more information.

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Clark Hall, Suite 126. All Writing Specialists have gone through a rigorous hiring process, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. In addition to

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Schedule is subject to change with fair notice, either in class or online through canvas.

Week	Dates (M-Th)	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	1/25-1/27	Introductions Ch 5: <u>Measuring a Nation's Income</u>
2	1/30-2/2	Finishing Ch 5
3	2/6-2/9	Ch 6: <u>Measuring the Cost of Living</u>
4	2/13-2/16	Ch 7: <u>Production and Growth</u>
5	2/20-2/23	Ch 8: <u>Saving Investment, and the Financial System</u> (Thurs, 2/23: Exam 1 on CH 5, 6, and 7)
6	2/27-3/2	Finishing Ch 8, Ch 11: <u>The Monetary System</u>
7	3/6-3/9	Finishing Ch 11, Ch 12: <u>Money Growth and Inflation</u>
8	3/13-3/16	Finishing Ch 12 Ch 3: <u>Interdependence and The Gains From Trade</u>
9	3/20-3/23	Finishing Ch 3 (Thurs, 3/23: Exam 2 on CH 8, 11, and 12)
10	4/3-4/6	Ch 13: <u>Open-Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts</u>
11	4/10-4/13	Ch 10: <u>Unemployment</u>
12	4/17-4/20	Ch 15: <u>Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply</u>
13	4/24-4/27	Ch 16: <u>The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand</u> (Thurs, 4/27: Exam 3 on CH 3, 13, and 10)
14	5/1-5/4	Finishing Ch 16 Ch 17: <u>The Short Run Trade-off between Inflation and Unemployment</u>
15	5/8-5/11	Finishing Ch 17
Finals	5/17-5/23	Final Exam on Ch 15, 16, and 17 on Wednesday, 5/17, 12:15-2:30pm