

San José State University
Department of Economics
Econ 1A - 02, Principles of Macroeconomics, 48507, Fall 2024

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Course Description

Macroeconomics is the study of the behavior of economic agents such as households, firms and governments, whose collective decisions determine how resources are allocated in a free market economy. The goal of the course is to teach you to "think like an economist," which will help you to understand the world around you. The course presents the economic theory such as opportunity cost, supply, demand, markets, international trade, gross

OPPORTUNITY COSTS impact how we make decisions.
How fiscal and monetary policies impact the U.S economy.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

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Course Requirements and Assignments

This course requires regular textbook reading and regular homework assignments.

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 week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practice. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Final Examination or Evaluation

“Faculty members are required to have a culminating activity for their courses, which can include a final examination, a final research paper or project, a final creative work or performance, a final portfolio of work, or other appropriate assignment.”

Grading Information

Determination of Grades

- **Exams:** There will be one midterm and one final. Exams will be monitored with LockDown Browser <https://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/teaching-tools/respondus/faq/index.html>

- **Smartwork:** weekly online assignments. **Due every Sunday at 11:30 pm.**

- **Inquizitive:** weekly online adaptive assignments. **Due every Sunday at 11:30pm**

The last day to turn in an assignment, is on the last day of instruction.

Missed work included midterm and final receives a grade of 0.

I do not offer make-up exams.

Grade	Percentage
A +	97 to 100%
A	93 to 96.99%
A -	90 to 92.99%
B +	87 to 89.99 %
B	83 to 86.99%
B -	80 to 82.99%
C +	77 to 79.99%
C	73 to 76.99%
C -	70 to 72.99%
D +	67 to 69.99%
D	63 to 66.99%
D -	60 to 62.99%
F	Below 60%

Basis for final grade

Midterm	25%
Final	30%
Inquizitive	15%
Smartwork	30%

Per University Policy S16-9 (relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc...) is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

SJSU Writing Center

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Suite 126 in Clark Hall for drop-in hours and the King Library 2nd floor with appointments. It is staffed by professional instructors and upper-division or graduate-level writing specialists from each of the seven SJSU colleges. Our writing specialists have met a rigorous GPA requirement, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. The Writing Center can be found at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/>

Plagiarism:

What is plagiarism: <https://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism/consequences-of-plagiarism>

SJSU: Academic Integrity: according to university policies <https://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/conduct-processes/academic-integrity.php>” all allegations of cheating and plagiarism should be referred to Student Conduct and Ethical Development by completing our [Academic Integrity Reporting Form](#).”

Econ 1A – 02, Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2024, Course Schedule

Schedule is subject to change with fair notice

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Aug. 21	Introduction to Economics, Syllabus
2	Aug. 26 Aug. 28	Chapter 1: Five Foundations of Economics
3	Sept. 2 Sept. 4	Labor Day Chapter 3: The Market at Work: Supply and Demand
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5	Sept. 16 Sept. 18	Chapter 5: Price Controls
6	Sept. 23 Sept. 25	Chapter 6: Intro to Macro and GDP
7	Sept. 30 Oct. 2	Chapter 7: Unemployment
8	Oct. 7 Oct. 9	Online Midterm Chapter 8: The Price Level and Inflation
9	Oct. 14 Oct. 16	Chapter 9: savings, Interest Rates and the Market for Loanable Funds
10	Oct. 21 Oct. 23	Chapter 10: Financial Markets and Securities
11	Oct. 28 Oct. 30	Chapter 13: The AD – AS Model
12	Nov. 4 Nov. 6	Chapter 15: Federal Budgets
13	Nov. 11 Nov. 13	Veterans Day Chapter 16: Fiscal Policy
14	Nov. 18 Nov. 20	Chapter 17: Money and the Federal Reserve
15	Nov. 25 Nov. 27	Thanksgiving