

San José State University
Department of Economics
ECON 109: Analysis of Economic Issues for Teachers
Spring 2024

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Class Days/Times: Monday Wednesday 12pm-1:15pm
Classroom: Deery Middle Hall 16
Prerequisites: Upper division

Note: Not acceptable for Economics majors, except double majors; acceptable for Economics minors. Please contact me with any questions.

Course Description

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The text will cover the text of K - 12

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. CLO 1 Critical Analysis: Develop the ability to analyze and evaluate the data and information presented in the text.
2. CLO 2 Supply and Demand: Apply the concepts of supply and demand to analyze the behavior of markets, the effects of government policies, and the effects of changes in technology.
3. CLO 3 Develop the ability to apply the concepts of microeconomics to the real world.
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Required Texts/Readings

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Major Texts

The text is available for rent or purchase. I will read the text and assess to the text is a requirement of this course, and expect to see it in your hands.

Other Readings

Visit the Canvas website.

Canvas: the learning management system will be the central online communication hub for the class. Recorded lectures, power point presentations, grades, additional readings and messages related to class will be posted through the Canvas system. You will access Canvas using your SJSU login and password at <https://sjsu.instructure.com>.

**Please be sure that your email is listed correctly or you risk missing key information communicated throughout the semester.*

Your grade will be based on the following assignments:

Quizzes	25%
Midterm Exam	

Week	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
5	CT Ch 6-7 GDP and Econ Growth
6 (2/26)	CT Ch 9-10 Savings, Investment and the Financial System
6	CT Ch 11 Unemployment and Labor Force Participation
7 (3/4)	CT Ch 11 (Cont'd)
7	Review of Midterm 1
8 (3/11)	MIDTERM 1
8	Governments and Monetary Policy
9 (3/18)	CT Ch 12 Inflation and the Quantity Theory of Money
9	CT Ch 12 (Cont'd)
10 (3/25)	CT Ch 13 Business Cycles: Aggregate Demand and Supply
10	CT Ch 13 (Cont'd)
4/1-4/5	SPRINGS BREAK
11 (4/8)	CT Ch 15 The Federal Reserve System
11	CT Ch 15 (Cont'd)
12 (4/15)	CT Ch 33 Monetary Policy
12 (4/17)	MIDTERM 2
13 (4/22)	CT Ch 17 The Federal Budget: Taxes and Spending
13	CT Ch 18 Fiscal Policy
14 (4/29)	CT Ch 17-18 (Cont'd)
14	CT Ch 19 International Trade
15 (5/6)	CT Ch 19 (Cont'd) Class Project Due
15	CT Ch 21 Public Employment and Public Choice
16 (5/13)	Class Update and Review of Final
Final Exam	FINAL EXAM FRIDAY MAY 17 9:45AM-12PM

