

San José State University

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Classroom:

Prerequisites:

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Modern Principles: Macroeconomics

Your final grade will be based on the following categories and weights:

Quizzes	25%
Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Final Exam	35%

Your final numerical grade will be the weighted average of your scores in the above categories, and your corresponding letter grade will be assigned as follows:

Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent	Grade
97.5% to 100%	A+	93% to 97.49%	A	90% to 92.9%	A-
87.5% to 89.9%	B+	83% to 87.49%	B	80% to 82.9%	B-
77.5% to 79.9%	C+	73% to 77.49%	C	70% to 72.9%	C-
67.5% to 69.9%	D+	63% to 67.49%	D	60% to 62.9%	D-
0% to 59.9%	F				

Classroom Protocol

My hope is to have a fun and engaging class. We will be covering and discussing topics and concepts that may be new to some, but familiar to others. Please come to class prepared to engage in discussions with an open mind and curiosity regarding how our class can relate to the world around us. Let's be respectful of the time and effort we all put into this class. If you arrive late, please quietly find a seat. Please turn cell phone ringers off. If you need to take a call, just excuse yourself.

University Policies

General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student

As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. See [University Policy S90-5](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf>. More detailed information on a variety of related topics is available in the [SJSU catalog](#), at <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec-12234.12506.html>. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as a next step.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's [Catalog Policies](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html) section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the [Academic Calendars webpage](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/) at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The [Late Drop Policy](http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the [Advising Hub](http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Academic integrity

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The [University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf> requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/) is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/>.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. [Presidential Directive 97-03](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must regions 5uasbl.7 (i) (m)0.7 (o)22.7 (t)0.67 (t)-5.4 (ud)16.7 (1oe25

ECON 1A, Spring 2024 Course Schedule

**Schedule is subject to change but only with plenty of notice*

Week	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1 (1/24)	Introduction and Course Overview
2 (1/29)	Cowen/Tabarrok (CT) Ch. 1-2, Economic Ideas, Trade, Comparative Advantage

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Week	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
4/1-4/5	*SPRING BREAK*
11 (4/8)	CT Ch. 15 The Federal Reserve System
11	CT Ch. 15 Continued
12 (4/15)	CT Ch. 16 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 (Continued)
14	CT Ch. 19 International Trade
15 (5/6)	CT. Ch. 19 (parts of Ch. 20 International Finance)
15	CT Ch. 21 Political Economy and Public Choice
16 (5/13)	Review for Final
Final Exam	Wednesday May 15th (945AM-12PM)