

PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (BU 241)

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Class Schedule: October 1 - December 13, 5:30-9:40 pm, Thursdays
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Course Description: this class in principles of macroeconomics offers the opportunity to understand how the overall US economy works. Topics such as the nation overall household consumption sector, the Business- investment sector, and the government sector will be addressed. I addition, we will learn about economic indicators such as the Gross Domestic Product, Inflation, Unemployment, and interest rates and their role in assessing the state of the economy. We will explore various economic theories and their influence on fiscal and monetary policies implemented to affect the economy. We will address the issues of economic growth, income distribution and poverty, international trade, and international finance.

Goal of the course: to prepare the students to comprehend economic news and their implications, to use economic reasoning to identify and understand economic policy decisions and implications for their lives, and what they can do in response.

Textbook: Principles of Macroeconomics by Karl E. Case & Ray Fair, Sixth edition, 2001.

Grading Policy: Your grade will be the summation of homework (30%), the midterm exam (20%), the final exam (30%), and attendance and class participation (20%).

A = 90-100%, B = 70-89%, C = 50-69%, D = 30-49, 0-29%=F. Example: homework 20% + midterm 15% + final 25% + attendance 20% = 80 or B as a final grade.

- All Homework and exams are mandatory, and, if missed, will result in the lost of the points assigned to it/them.
- An automatic F will sanction cheating or plagiarism.

Lectures, Exams Schedule, Reading Assignment

| Week of | Topics | Chapters |
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| October 4 | The Scope and Method of economics, The Economic Problem Scarcity and Choice. | 1,2 |
| October 11 | Demand, Supply and Market Equilibrium, The price System and Demand and Supply | 3,4 |
| October 18 | Introduction to Macroeconomics, Measuring National Output And national income | 4,5 |
| October 25 | Gross Domestic Product, Economic fluctuations, Unemployment, and Inflation | 5,6 |
| November 1 | Long-Run and Short-Run Concerns: Growth, Productivity, Unemployment, and Inflation | 7,8 |
| <i>MIDTERM</i> | | |
| November 8 | Aggregate Expenditure and Equilibrium Output | 8,9 |
| November 15 | The Government and Fiscal Policy | 9,10 |

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| November 22 | The Money Supply, and The Federal Reserve System. Money Demand, the Equilibrium Interest Rate , and Monetary Policy | 10,11 |
| November 29 | Money, the Interest Rate, and Output: Analysis and Policies, Aggregate Demand , Aggregate Supply and Inflation | 12,13 |
| December 6 | Macroeconomic Issues and Policies | 15 |

December 13

FINAL EXAM