**ECON 2105: Principles of MACROECONOMICS**

*Kim Holder*  
*UWG Spring 2013*

**Course/Section/Time:**  
ECON2105-03, CRN 10447, TR 8 am - 9:20 am  
ECON2105-05, CRN 10453, TR 11 am - 12:20 pm  
ECON2105-06, CRN 10454, TR 12:30 - 1:50 pm

**Required Text:**  
ECON MACRO (3rd edition, 2012)  
William A. McEachern  
ISBN 1-1118-2669-2

**Prerequisites:** Overall 2.0 GPA

**Location:** RCOB Room 1201, Lecture Hall

**Contact Info:**  
Email: kholder@westga.edu  
Phone: 678-839-5423

**Office Hours:** TR: 9:20 - 10:20 am and 2-6 pm  
Drop by or schedule online at:  
http://kimholder.youcanbook.me/

**Online Help:** I check-in nightly on CourseDen  
& on Facebook.com/Rockonomix

---

**Grading Information**

Grading is calculated based on your performance on two tests, four online quizzes, and three assignments. An optional cumulative final is also available, which can be used to replace your lowest test grade.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tests (2)</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>60 points</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quizzes (4)</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>20 points</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assignments (3)</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>20 points</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL:</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
<td><strong>100 points</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The tests and optional cumulative final are based on the assigned readings, lectures, quizzes, assignments and in-class exercises. There are NO make-up tests, but you may replace any missed test with the final. The lowest test grade, including the final, will be dropped.  
*HINT: Most people improve their grade by attempting to take the final. The optional final cannot hurt your grade!*

All quizzes are announced in advance both in-class and online. All quizzes are completed using CourseDen and all quizzes end at 4PM. Missed quizzes CANNOT be made up without prior permission and appropriate documentation.

Extra credit may be offered for in-class exercises and random attendance checks. These are NOT announced in advance and may NOT be made-up without prior permission and appropriate documentation. Extra credit may also be offered for campus events which are announced in advance. The extra credit pursuits listed above are optional and offered at the discretion of the instructor.

My overall goal is to help you find a way to succeed in the best way possible, while keeping in mind that each person learns in his or her own unique way. I try to offer a variety of ways for you to earn points towards your final grade in this class and most students are very successful. However, each semester there are a handful of students who wish they had taken advantage of earlier opportunities to earn points....don’t let this happen to you!!
Test dates will remain fixed. Chapters covered for each test are tentative and deviations may be necessary depending upon the progress of the class. Changes to the dates on the syllabus will be posted announced in class and posted on CourseDen.

*From the Registrar: Effective Spring 2013 - Students with account balances greater than $299.99 will have their schedules dropped at 6 pm on Jan. 18. There is no Reinstatement period.

NOTE: It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from the class by contacting the registrar’s office directly. The last day to withdraw with a grade of “W” is March 4th.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is not mandatory. However, attendance in class tends to dramatically improve your grade. Students who miss class on a regular basis tend to fail the tests and quizzes as well as miss out on extra credit opportunities.
Cancellation: In the event that class is cancelled, any relevant assignments or course announcements will be posted on CourseDen. Please review UWG’s Emergency Closing Policy for inclement weather located here: [http://www.westga.edu/police/index_5102.php](http://www.westga.edu/police/index_5102.php). I commute each day from Polk County (north of Carrollton), and I keep a regular eye on weather in both counties. If I cannot make it safely to work, I will communicate it with you as quickly as possible via CourseDen and the other networking tools we have available to us (see below).

Course Learning Objectives:

The overall objective of this course is for you to learn basic economic concepts, specifically macroeconomics, and more about the economic system in which we live. To this end, upon completion, students will:

1) Be able to describe basic economic concepts such as scarcity and opportunity costs (LG4, LG7, LG8)
2) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as gross domestic product, inflation, and unemployment (LG4, LG7)
3) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of international economics including concepts such as exchange rates and net exports (LG4, LG5, LG7, LG8, LG9)
4) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the banking system, the impact of the Federal Reserve on the economy, and government taxation and spending policy (LG7)
5) Be able to analyze the effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policy in combating inflation or unemployment (LG4, LG7, LG10)
6) Be able to apply macroeconomic models such as aggregate supply and demand to the analysis of current economic issues (LG4, LG7, LG9, LG10)
7) Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural and/or political development of the people and institutions of the United States (U.S. Perspectives Core Overlay)

Note: A complete list of expected learning goals (LG) for the Economics Department can be found at the department web site ([http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_12904.php](http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_12904.php)).

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating on any test will result in a zero on the test, an F in the course and will be reported to Student Services for appropriate disciplinary action by the University. Cheating on any assignment, exercise or quiz will result in a zero on the assignment or exercise, the lowering of the student’s final grade in the course by one letter grade, and will be reported to Student Services for appropriate disciplinary action by the University.

Students not familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty should refer to the Student Handbook and Undergraduate Catalog: [http://www.westga.edu/undergrad/1762.htm](http://www.westga.edu/undergrad/1762.htm)

Cellphones/Computers: Feel free to bring your cell phones or laptops/tablets to class, as we will be using them from time to time for interactive classroom polling. However, please refrain from using your phones during the class lecture and classroom activities, as it is distracting to both your classmates and myself. If you have an important call you are expecting (sick child/parent, business interview, etc.) you may inform me prior to the start of class. Likewise, laptops/tablets may be used for note taking, but students should refrain from instant messaging, surfing the web, etc. If any of the technology above is being abused by the student, you will be asked to leave the classroom and may return at the start of your next regularly scheduled class.

Note: On test day, phones, music devices, calculators and any other electronic device are not allowed at your desk and must be left at the front of the classroom. Failure to follow this procedure will result in action in accordance with the academic dishonesty policy stated above.
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SEMESTER WITH EACH OF YOU! I have found that most things in life are easier when we are able to work with others who share the same goals. My goal (and hopefully yours) is to make this learning experience a success. With this in mind, I encourage each of you to reach out to your fellow classmates (and me) by posting questions on the class Facebook page, tweeting about class, watching helpful tutorial videos or old video projects on YouTube, viewing old art projects on Pinterest, or increasing your future business network on LinkedIn. Together we can make this a class you look forward to attending!

COLLABORATE/CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS!

facebook.com/rockonomix
youtube.com/cubegr1
@cubegr1
pinterest.com/cubegr1
linkedin.com/in/kimholder
cubegr1.tumblr.com
profiles.google.com/kimholder2926

COURSEDEN (D2L) HELPFUL INFORMATION: We will use CourseDen extensively for this course. Please make sure you are comfortable with UWG’s course management system and seek help before assignment or quiz deadlines.

Direct Link: http://westga.view.usg.edu
E-mail: online@westga.edu
Call: 678-839-6248 (M-F 8am-5pm) or 1-855-933-UWGO (8946)
24 Hour Helpline: 1-866-588-5293
Online Help: http://help8.view.usg.edu
Tutorials and News: http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php

Login Information: Your CourseDen-D2L username is the first part of your myUWG e-mail username (the part before the @ sign, ex: jdoe12). Your password is the last two digits of your birth year followed by the last four digits of your SSN, however it may have been reset to the same as your myUWG password.