ECON 2105: Principles of MACROECONOMICS

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Course/Section/Time:  
ECON2105-N01, CRN 50270, Online

Required Text:  
ECON MACRO (3rd edition, 2012)  
William A. McEachern  
ISBN 1-1118-2669-2  
Online access card not required

Prerequisites:  
Overall 2.0 GPA

Location:  
Online through CourseDen (D2L)

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I check-in nightly on CourseDen & on Facebook.com/Rockonomix

Grading is calculated based on your performance on six online quizzes, two assignments, and two tests (an online midterm and a face-to-face cumulative final). Due to the advanced pace of the course and the time constraint of the class, there are no dropped/replacement quizzes, assignments, or tests.

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The midterm and cumulative final are based on the assigned readings, lecture notes, quizzes, and assignments. There are **NO** make-up tests, except for university approved excuses, such as severe/contagious illnesses, death in the family, university sanctioned events where you are a required participant, jury duty, etc. You must provide appropriate documentation and make alternative arrangements well in advance of the required test date.

All quizzes and their associated deadlines are announced in advance on the syllabus. All quizzes are completed using CourseDen and all quizzes end at 4PM for the date listed. Missed quizzes **CANNOT** be made up without prior permission and appropriate documentation.

If any extra credit opportunities are offered, they will be announced on CourseDen. Any extra credit pursuits will be offered to the class as a whole, are optional and are 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 on CourseDen.

If you have conflicts with test dates, please see the section titled: “Important Testing Information”.

June 3rd (MON), 830am - 1st class meeting in RCOB 1308 - this is optional, but highly recommended. My experience has been that those students who choose to attend tend to do well because they are able to clearly understand what is expected of them, when the deadlines are, and how to easily get in touch with me. Since we have an online midterm, the only other time you are likely to see me face-to-face is at this meeting and the final! Approximate time: 1 hour max

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 June 13th.

ATTENDANCE: This is an online class where work is completed independently with scheduled deadlines for quizzes, tests, and assignments. Students who miss these deadlines will forfeit those points. All deadlines are scheduled in advance. It is the responsibility of the student to make adjustments to their own schedules to fit the requirements of the course.

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. If the university is closed for inclement weather, it should not affect our course unless there are extensive power outages associated with the event.

CELLPHONES/COMPUTERS: 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.

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. Examples of cheating include turning in work that is not your own or having another student complete an online quiz for you.
Students not familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty should refer to the Student Handbook and Undergraduate Catalog:
http://www.westga.edu/undergrad/1762.htm

**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).

**Students, please carefully review the following information at this link:** [Common Language for Course Syllabi](http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_12904.php). It contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

**Access to Technology:** This course is delivered 95% online. You must have reliable access to technology. You can complete your course using the student computer labs on campus or on your own equipment. Technology problems often seem to occur at the worst possible times. I encourage every student to have a back-up plan and complete their work well in advance of deadlines in case their technology fails. Unreliable internet access or inability to login to CourseDen will result in missed deadlines and forfeited points.

**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-UWG0 (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.
**IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION:** Please note the two options that are available for completing the required final for this online course. Option A is free and applies to most students. Option B has additional fees and should be used by students located outside of the Carrollton area or who have employment or class conflicts. If you are considering Option B, please keep in mind that the majority of testing centers are open during regular business hours (M-F, 8 am – 5pm).

**Option A:** take your final on the Carrollton campus, for free, on the specific date/time listed below:
The final exam is scheduled for June 26th, from 8:30 am – 10:00 am EST, on paper, and on the Carrollton Campus (to be proctored by Kim Holder), in RCOB 1201 – Business Building Lecture Hall. This final is scheduled for "Reading Day" in order to not conflict with your other finals. I will be there in person to oversee this cumulative final exam and you will need scantron form 882-e and your UWG Student ID. If you cannot take the test on the scheduled date/time see Option B below.

**Option B:** take your final exam, on paper, at a proctored site (including the one located on the UWG Carrollton campus) some time before or at the allotted time and date listed above, at the student's expense. Each student MUST contact Janet Gubbins to coordinate this option no later than TWO weeks prior to the desired testing date at jgubbins@westga.edu or by calling 678-839-0630. The earliest date the final can be scheduled is June 20th, the latest date/time the final can be scheduled is June 26th at 8:30 am Eastern Standard Time.

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](http://facebook.com/rockonomix)
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