



ECON 2105, 05: Principles of Macroeconomics Fall 2017

Class Days & Time	Tues & Thurs 9:30am-12pm (Session I: 8/9-10/29)	Location	Miller Hall 1201
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Office Hours	Tues & Thurs 2-4pm Fri 10:30am-12:30pm <i>Other available times will be posted weekly in Course Den</i>		

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description

A study of the economy as a whole including production, economic fluctuations, inflation, unemployment, public policy, and international economics. Requires overall GPA of 2.0.

TEXTS, READINGS, INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES, AND REFERENCES

Required Text: ECON Macro, William McEachern, Edition 5 (2016)

ISBN: 135659090

Required Supplements: NONE (*You do not need an online access code for this course*)

The University's Bookstore's Website URL -- <http://www.bookstore.westga.edu/>

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

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:

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

Please carefully review the information from the [Common Language for Course Syllabi](#). It contains important information related to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state,

ECON 2105, 05: Principles of Macroeconomics university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester. **Please pay close attention to UWG's Academic Integrity Policy. Note that I will enforce this policy.**

Assignments

Assignment	Description	Due Date	Points
Problem Sets	Sets of problems for each learning module. <i>3 sets x 50 points each</i>	PS1: Aug. 17 th at 5pm PS2: Aug. 31 st at 5pm PS3: Sept. 19 th at 5pm	150 (15%)
Film Quizzes	You will watch 6 short films from <u>We The Economy</u> and then complete a quiz in Course Den. <i>6 quizzes x 15 points each</i>	Film Quiz 1 due 8/13 at 11pm Film Quiz 2 due 8/20 at 11pm Film Quiz 3 due 8/27 at 11pm Film Quiz 4 due 9/03 at 11pm Film Quiz 5 due 9/10 at 11pm Film Quiz 6 due 9/17 at 11pm	90 (9%)
Attendance Checks	There will be random in-class assignments used to check attendance. <i>(Points vary)</i> Any points in excess of 10% will be	Varies <i>These assignments are not announced in advance and cannot be made up</i>	60 (6%)
Exams	There are 3 midterm Exams and a cumulative Final Exam. <i>(Only the highest 3 exam scores will count).</i> <i>3 exams x 200 points</i>	Exam 1 Aug. 22 nd at 10:30am Exam 2 Sept. 5 th at 10:30am Exam 3 Sept. 21 st at 10:30am Final Exam Sept. 28 th at 10:30am	600 (60%)
Final Project	<i>More details to come</i>	Tues. Sept. 26 th @9:30am	100 (10%)
Bonus Quizzes	There are 4 bonus quizzes in Course Den. Points vary and you have unlimited attempts.	Bonus Quizzes close at 9am on the day of each exam.	Bonus
TOTAL			1000

Grading Information and Policy

Grading structure and point scale

900-1000 points	90% - 100%	A
800 points - 899 points	80% - 89%	B
700 points - 799 points	70% - 79%	C
600 points - 699 points	60% - 69%	D
< 600 points	< 60%	F

Late work policy: There are no extensions for any assignments, including Problem Sets, Course Den assignments and In-Class Assignments. **There are no make-ups for Exams.** If you miss an exam, that will count as your lowest exam score and will be dropped. (Note: While you have unlimited attempts for each module's Bonus Quiz, no submissions are allowed after the established deadlines). All assignment deadlines are listed in the course syllabus (see course schedule below) and displayed in the Course Den calendar.

Communication Rules

Communication Rules: I will post each week's Office Hours in the Course Den Newsfeed. Also, if you want to make an online chat appointment for another day/time, please email ahead of time, so I can better plan my time. However, feel free to pop in (online) to ask a question whenever you see that I am online. I will return all emails in 24-hours during the week and within 48 hours over the weekends. I prefer emails to my regular westga account. I check that email more often, so for emergencies I would recommend sending emails directly to me at mhildebr@westga.edu. However, I will also check Course Den emails.

Expectations of Students

Course Structure: This is a full-term course offered in a half-term session. This means that each day of class translates to a week for a regular class. Class Attendance is typically critical for student success!

Course Resources:

Textbook:

The assigned textbook for this course is *ECON Macro* 5th edition by McEachern. (This is the edition that will be sold by the bookstore) However, older editions of this textbook will suffice (and a quick Google search turned up copies of edition 4 for less than \$10). There will not be assigned HW from the textbook. It is simply for reading the material and for reference. (I have also posted a PDF in Course Den of a free Open Resource Macro textbook). The chapter numbers and content may not line up directly in older editions or in the open resource book, and so it is the student's responsibility to make sure they are reviewing the correct chapters by content.

Course Den (Desire to Learn):

You will need to access Course Den for this course. You can access Course Den from any computer that has Internet access, on or off campus. If you need help accessing Course Den you may contact the UWG Online helpdesk (678)839-6248. Students will need to access Course Den for the following: instructor's power point presentations, recorded lectures, supplemental lectures/videos, all course grades, and any changes to the course plans. <https://www.d2l.com/accessibility/>

Class Schedule Information

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Week	Begin Date	End Date	Topic/Activity/Reading Assignment	Assignment Name & Due Date**
1	8/10	8/10	Course Introduction CH 1: Intro to Economics Math Review CH 3: Economic Decision Makers	<i>Open Drop ends 8/11 at 11:59pm</i> <i>Open Add ends 8/14 at 11:59pm</i>
2	8/15	8/17	CH 2: Economic Tools CH 4: Supply & Demand Ch 5A: Intro to Macroeconomics	Problem Set 1 due by 5pm on 8/17 via Course Den dropbox or Office
3	8/22	8/24	EXAM 1 (CH 1- 5A) CH 5B: Intro to Macrco (continued) CH 6: GDP & Circular Flow	EXAM 1 8/22 @ 10:30am
4	8/29	8/31	CH 7: Unemployment & Inflation CH 8: Productivity & Growth CH 18 & 19: Int. Trade & Finance	<i>Sept. 1st withdrawal deadline at 4pm</i> Problem Set 2 due by 5pm on 8/31 via Course Den dropbox or Office
5	9/05	9/07	Exam 2 (CH 5B- 8, 17, & 18) CH 9: Consumption Function CH 10: Aggregate Demand & Supply	EXAM 2 9/05 @10:30am
6	9/12	9/14	CH 11: Fiscal Policy CH 13: Money CH 14: Banking System	
7	9/19	9/21	CH 15: Monetary Policy Exam 3 (9-11, 13-15)	Problem Set 3 due by 5pm on 9/19 via Course Den dropbox or Office EXAM 3 9/21 @10:30am
8	9/26	9/28	Project Presentations Final Exam (Cumulative)	Presentations on 9/26 @9:30am FINAL EXAM @10:30am on 9/28
<p>**Note: All times are EST. Dates may change at the instructor's discretion: all changes will be posted in the News/Announcements section of CourseDen. Major assignments, papers, and exams are in bold.</p>				

Course and UWG Policies

Attendance Policy: In order to distribute Title IV funding (federal student aid), student attendance verification is required. For this online class, students are required to post complete the syllabus quiz by the established deadline in Course Den to be considered as attending class. Students who do not complete the syllabus quiz by the deadline may be dropped from the class for non-attendance. Students who add classes during drop/add are responsible for ensuring that they are verified as being in attendance by contacting the course instructor and completing the syllabus quiz.

For the Americans with Disabilities Act, UWG Email, Credit Hour, and UWG Honor Code policies as well as information on Academic Tutoring, Student Services, and Technical Requirements, Privacy Policy, and Accessibility Statements, please see the [Common Language for Syllabus](#) document.

Additional Support Information

Center for Academic Success

The new [Center for Academic Success](#) (CAS) provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. The CAS offers free appointment-based peer tutoring in core courses, as well as supplemental instruction (SI)—which is peer-facilitated collaborative learning—in a variety of disciplines. Students seeking help with study skills and strategies can attend workshops through the Academic Success Workshop series, or work individually with either a staff or peer Academic Coach. Beginning Fall 2014, the CAS will also offer “Back on Track,” a voluntary academic recovery program designed for students who want to improve their grades and academic standing. The Center for Academic Success is located in UCC 200, and can be reached at 678-839-6280. Our email address is cas@westga.edu.

Student Services

Here is a great resource of [Student Services](#) for all students at UWG, whether or not they are taking online courses. This link provides students with most of the information they need. If a student is experiencing distress and needs some help, check out UWG Cares at <http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/>

Support for courses

CourseDen D2L Home Page https://westga.view.usg.edu/	Student Services http://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php
D2L UWG Online Help (8 AM – 5 PM) http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php Call: 678-839-6248 or 1-855-933-8946 or email: online@westga.edu	Center for Academic Success http://www.westga.edu/cas/ 678-839-6280
24/7/365 D2L Help Center Call 1-855-772-0423 or search: https://d2lhelp.view.usg.edu/	Distance Learning Library Services http://libguides.westga.edu/content.php?pid=194430
University Bookstore http://www.bookstore.westga.edu/	Ingram Library Services http://www.westga.edu/library/