

ECON 2105, N01 AND N02, PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Traditional office hours are not available during this course.
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Communication Preference: I prefer for you to contact me using our UWG emails, **not Course Den**. However, I will check Course Den for emails approximately once per day.

COURSE INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Course description and purpose: A study of the economy as a whole including production, economic fluctuations, inflation, unemployment, public policy, and international economics. 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.

PREREQUISITES

Course prerequisites: Requires overall GPA of 2.0.

DELIVERY METHODS

This is a fully online course with a **proctored final exam** (see below for more information on the proctored exam). Students **MUST** purchase access to Cengage's MindTap platform. Students cannot successfully complete this course without this access. More details on MindTap provided below.

LEARNING GOALS

FIRST GOAL

Be able to describe basic economic concepts such as scarcity and opportunity costs (LG4, LG7, LG8).

SECOND GOAL

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as gross domestic product, inflation and unemployment (LG4, LG7).

THIRD GOAL

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of international economics including concepts such as exchange rates and net exports (LG4, LG5, LG7, LG8, LG9).

FOURTH GOAL

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the banking system, the impact of the Federal Reserve on the economy, and government taxation and spending policy (LG7).

FIFTH GOAL

Be able to analyze the effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policy in combating inflation or unemployment (LG4, LG7, LG10).

SIXTH GOAL

Be able to apply macroeconomic models such as aggregate supply and demand to the analysis of current economic issues (LG4, LG7, LG9, LG10).

SEVENTH GOAL

Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, and / or political development of the people and institutions of the United States (US Perspectives Core Overlay).

TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

TEXTBOOK

ECON MACRO, McEachern, Cengage, 2019 Edition 6, ISBN: 1337408735, price: \$75 at UWG Bookstore or \$50 from publisher (Cengage) through Course Den link. This is an eTextbook and so is fully accessible.

COURSE MATERIALS

Access to Cengage's MindTap platform is required for this course. An access code is provided with your textbook purchase if you purchase the package from the UWG Bookstore or from the publisher.

COURSE POLICIES

LATE POLICY

The only extensions that may arise will be due to technical issues with the Cengage MindTap platform (these exceptions will be noted in Course Den IF they arise). Otherwise, all assignments, including the Final Exam must be completed by the due date.

COURSE DEN

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 powerpoint presentations, video examples and lectures, course grades, and any changes to the course plans. You will also be able to access all MindTap assignments directly from Course Den once you complete your purchase and registration.

MINDTAP

Again, access to Cengage's MindTap platform is REQUIRED to complete this course. You may purchase single access for this class through the UWG Bookstore, single access directly through Cengage, or if you purchase Cengage Unlimited for the summer term, this course will be included.

EXPECTATIONS

Students should commit to logging into Course Den and MindTap a minimum of ONCE per day.

While all assignments are mainly due weekly on Thursdays and Sundays, a good pace is to complete **a minimum of one chapter per day**, this includes: reading the chapter, watching all content videos, and completing all related assignments. **Students should expect to spend at least 2-3 hours per day completing work for an online class.** Remember, this is a full-term course offered in a 16-day summer session. This means that each day of class translates to a week for a regular full-term course.

COMMUNICATION

To talk with me during the online office hours, please send me an email in Course Den to let me know you want to meet and then we can meet in the Course Den chat room or talk on the phone. To schedule an appointment for online offices hours at another time, please email me. If you want to make an appointment for a specific time, please email a day ahead of time if possible 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 prefer that you send me your questions via my gmail account (mhildebr@westga.edu) or secondarily my Course Den email, as I rarely check my voicemail.

EXPECTED RESPONSE TIMES

Students can expect responses to emails within 24 hours on weekdays and up to 48 hours on weekends. Homework assignments and Aplia exercises in MindTap will be graded upon submission. Course Den assignments will also be graded upon submission and the submission

view will change to allow you to see all questions, your responses and correct answers after the assignment deadline has passed.

ASSIGNMENTS

No late work will be accepted for any assignments.

MINDTAP HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS (POINTS VARY BY EXERCISE, 200 POINTS IN TOTAL)

These assignments are located within the MindTap platform. For each chapter there will be multiple MindTap Homework exercises (some are graded for credit and others are simply for practice. However, I HIGHLY recommend you attempt all HW assignments at least once, even those that are for practice. There may be content on the CD quizzes and/or the Final Exam from these sections!) These will have multiple choice questions. UNLIMITED attempts are available until the closing date for each assignment. All scores on graded MindTap Homework assignments count and any points earned in excess of 200 will count as bonus points.

APLIA EXERCISES (25 POINTS EACH, 300 POINTS IN TOTAL)

These assignments are located within the MindTap platform. For each chapter there will be ONE Aplia assignment (there are also 2 “getting started” Aplia assignments that are for practice). These typically have questions requiring math calculations and/or graphing. Only ONE attempt per assignment allowed, but many questions have up to 3 attempts with an average score taken. There are 14 assignments in total, with the 2 lowest scores being dropped.

COURSE DEN MODULE QUIZZES (100 POINTS EACH, 200 POINTS IN TOTAL)

For each module of the course (3 total modules) there will be ONE quiz (timed) in Course Den. These will have multiple choice questions. Only ONE attempt per quiz allowed. Each quiz closes at the end of the module. The lowest score of the 3 quizzes will be dropped.

COURSE DEN EXERCISES (POINTS VARY BY EXERCISE, 50 POINTS IN TOTAL)

A few other assignments will be posted directly in Course Den, including: a Syllabus Quiz, and exercises focusing on Fiscal and Monetary Policy. There will be various due dates throughout the course (details will be posted in Course Den). All scores count and any points in excess of 50 will count as “bonus” points.

FINAL EXAM (250 POINTS)

A proctored final exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions worth 5 points each. The final exam will be comprehensive and cover all material from the course. Professor Hildebrandt will give the **Final Exam on the Carrollton campus on Thursday, June 27th at 12:30pm in Miller Hall 1201** at no charge. Alternatively, the final exam can be taken at a proctored exam site during the window of June 26-30th, with each student responsible for making the arrangements and paying any necessary fees.

PROCTORING OPTIONS FOR FINAL EXAM

You are responsible with working with the UWG Online office for a proctored exam at a Testing Center or via Proctor U. The [UWG Online website](#) has more details on fees and locations for proctored exams. You have a window of June 26th-30th for possible dates to schedule your proctored exam. Be sure to complete the [Student Exam Notification Form](#) so that all arrangements can be made for access to the proctored exam. If the Final Exam is taken with Professor Hildebrandt at the day/time designated in the syllabus, no fees are charged (**Thursday June 27th at 12:30pm in Miller Hall 1201**).

GRADING

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

Final grades for this course will be assigned using this exact point distribution, i.e. final grades will not automatically be rounded up. An example, if a student earns 899 points, then a final grade of “B” will be assigned for the course.

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, etc. about your grade, you MUST bring it to the instructor’s attention within forty-eight hours of the grade being posted in CourseDen. **Student complaints that are not voiced until the end of the course about missing or incorrect grades will not be considered.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE SYLLABUS INFORMATION:

Please review the “[Common Language for Course Syllabi](#)” for university-wide updates, especially the university policies on academic dishonesty. Even if you have read it before, the most current information is maintained at this site.