Economics 3410-01: Macroeconomic Policy

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OFFICE HOURS
Face-to-face (RCOB 1311): Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:30AM-10:30AM
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Course Information:
Meetings: This class will be conducted in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11:00AM until 12:15PM (Miller Hall 1309). We will have three exams, some online modules, and some in-class assignments. Tentative dates are listed below.

Course Description:
The objective of this course is to study the aggregate economic forces at work in the economy. Topics include the determination of output and employment levels, the inflation rate, economic growth, and the effects of monetary and fiscal policy.

Prerequisites:
ECON 2105 Minimum Grade: D and ECON 2106 Minimum Grade: D and (MATH 1111 Minimum Grade: D or MATH 1113 Minimum Grade: D)

Textbook:
No textbook required. I will follow Mankiw, G. “Macroeconomics”. Ninth Edition. You may purchase a hardcopy of the book or an electronic copy. You can buy a copy of the book or an access code in the University’s bookstore (http://www.bookstore.westga.edu). You can also purchase the book online. Make sure to look for used books for better prices.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:
The overall goal of this course is to give students a more comprehensive overview of the U.S. and the global economy. To this end, upon completion of the course you should be able to:

1. accurately describe macroeconomic concepts such as GDP, inflation, unemployment, federal budget deficit, and the tools of monetary policy (LG7, LG8)
2. recognize open economy issues such as capital flows, exchange rates, and trade deficits and be able to identify current problems facing the U.S. and the world economy (LG7, LG8, LG9)
3. distinguish between short run issues such as the business cycle and stabilization policy and long run issues such as economic growth, and the natural rate of unemployment (LG7)
4. discuss and write about economic problems and alternative strategies for addressing these problems (LG7)
5. recognize and interpret economic indicators of the macroeconomy (LG7)
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).

**Attendance Policy:**
Attendance is required on the dates when we'll have scheduled classroom activities and exams.

**Grading:** We will have four (noncumulative) in-class exams during the semester and four online modules. The three exams combined are worth 80% of your grade, and the online modules make up the other 20%.

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If you miss a test you will have to provide a valid excuse in writing (doctor's excuse). Only verifiable doctor's excuses will be considered as valid excuses for missing a test. All excuses will be verified. (Vacations, weddings, and other social events are not valid excuses). Make-up tests will be given on the Friday following the missed exam.

The remaining 20% of the grade will be determined by four online modules. On the dates when we have a scheduled online module, we will not meet in person. Online modules will include readings, video lectures, tutorials, and graded assignments. Scheduled online modules are each worth 5%. You cannot make these up!

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All grades will be posted online on CourseDen (D2L). Tests will be returned on the class period following the test. If you have questions, concerns, complaints, etc., about a grade, you need to bring it to my attention within 48 hours of the grade being posted in the case of online assignments, or the exam being returned.

No extra-credit opportunities will be offered.

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, etc. about your grade you MUST bring it to my attention within 48 of the posting date. You cannot wait until the end of the semester to argue about missing grades, or other problems (48 hours from publication date).

**Grading Scale**
A: 90% or higher
B: 80% to 89.9999%
C: 70% to 79.9999%
D: 60% to 69.9999%
F: Less than 60%

Note: an 89.9% is a B!

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
Accessibility Services: Students with a documented disability may work with UWG Accessibility Services to receive essential services specific to their disability. All entitlements to accommodations are based on documentation and USG Board of Regents standards. If a student needs course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if he/she needs to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, the student should notify his/her instructor in writing and provide a copy of his/her Student Accommodations Report (SAR), which is available only from Accessibility Services. Faculty cannot offer accommodations without timely receipt of the SAR; further, no retroactive accommodations will be given. For more information, please contact Accessibility Services.

Center for Academic Success: The Center for Academic Success provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6280 or cas@westga.edu

University Writing Center: The University Writing Center assists students with all areas of the writing process. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6513 or writing@westga.edu

ONLINE COURSES
UWG takes students’ privacy concerns seriously: technology-enhanced and partially and fully online courses use sites and entities beyond UWG and students have the right to know the privacy policies of these entities. For more information on privacy and accessibility for the most commonly used sites, as well as technology requirements visit the UWG Online site.

Students enrolled in online courses can find answers to many of their questions in the Online/Off-Campus Student Guide.

If a student is experiencing distress and needs help, please see the resources available at the UWG Cares site. Online counseling is also available for online students.

HONOR CODE
At the University of West Georgia, we believe that academic and personal integrity are based upon honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Students at West Georgia assume responsibility for upholding the honor code. West Georgia students pledge to refrain from engaging in acts that do not maintain academic and personal integrity. These include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery or threats, and stealing.

The University of West Georgia maintains and monitors a confidential Academic Dishonesty Tracking System. This database collects and reports patterns of repeated student violations across all the Colleges, the Ingram Library, and the School of Nursing. Each incidence of academic dishonesty is subject to review and consideration by the instructor, and is subject to a range of academic penalties including, but not limited to, failing the assignment and/or failing the course. Student conduct sanctions
range from verbal warning to suspension or expulsion depending on the magnitude of
the offense and/or number of offenses. The incident becomes part of the student’s
conduct record at UWG.

Additionally, the student is responsible for safeguarding his/her computer account. The
student’s account and network connection are for his/her individual use. A computer
account is to be used only by the person to whom it has been issued. The student is
responsible for all actions originating through his/her account or network connection.
Students must not impersonate others or misrepresent or conceal their identities in
electronic messages and actions. For more information on the University of West
Georgia Honor Code, please see the Student Handbook.

UWG EMAIL POLICY
University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG e-mail account. The
University considers this account to be an official means of communication between the
University and the student. The purpose of the official use of the student e-mail account
is to provide an effective means of communicating important university related
information to UWG students in a timely manner. It is the student’s responsibility to
check his or her email.

CREDIT HOUR POLICY
For approximately fifteen weeks, students in this class will generally spend 150 minutes
with direct online faculty instruction (including Power Point presentations, class notes,
case studies, videos, applets, discussion boards, review sessions) and work about 360
minutes on additional assignments (without direct faculty instruction) each
week. Additional assignments may include, but are not limited to, quizzes, projects,
group work, research, and test preparation.

DISCLAIMER
The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus at anytime during the semester.
Any changes will be announced in writing.

HB 280 (Campus Carry)
UWG follows University System of Georgia (USG) guidance: http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information# You may also visit our website for help with USG Guidance: https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php