

Principles of Macroeconomics

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Course Content: Introduction to the determination of levels of national income, employment, and prices, to the basic causes of fluctuations in these levels, and policy alternatives.

Texts: APS Packet, Robinson
Wall Street Journal

Grading:

Grades will be based on three mid-term exams and a final exam. Exams will be multiple choice and problems. An "A" will require 90% score, a "B" 80%, "C" 70%, and "D" 60%. Those with less than 60% of the possible score will receive an "F." No plus or minus grades are given. Each exam counts 100 points, and the final exam will contain questions created by the economics department and standardized for all sections of ECON 103. These questions cover the entire semester's material.

Students may earn up to 10 extra credit points by attendance at up to three selected UNLV events. More information on this will be made available in class. At the professor's sole discretion, students who are habitually late to class, leave early or are otherwise disruptive may lose any and all extra credit points earned. Extra credit by definition is a privilege, not a right, and should be viewed as such by students.

Except for excused absences for university-sponsored events, no makeup exams are given during the semester. All makeup exams will be administered during the second half of the final exam period. The final exam will be given at the scheduled time and is an hour exam. Students missing the final exam period will face a 5 point penalty to take a makeup exam.

Other Information:

Attendance is not taken, but each day we will cover information not available in the textbook for which you will be responsible on the exam.

Please do not bring children or other animals to class. Adult guests are fine, so long as they do not become active participants. All cel phones, music players, and radios must be turned off during class.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that you are registered for this section. It is also crucial that you drop if you need to leave the class. (Last day to drop is November 2). You should also be aware of the university policy regarding academic dishonesty and administrative withdrawal as stated in your catalog. And, in general, all university policy as stated in your catalog.

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) coordinates all academic accommodations for students with documented disabilities. The DRC is the official office to review and house disability documentation for students, and to provide them with an official Academic Accommodation Plan to present to the faculty if an accommodation is warranted. The DRC strongly encourages faculty to provide accommodations only if and when they are in receipt of said plan. Faculty should not provide students accommodations without being in receipt of this plan.

UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room A-143 , and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability/>

If you are going to miss a class period due to a religious holiday, you must notify me at the beginning of the semester. University policy requires accommodation of students absent for religious observances, but only with proper prior notification.

Schedule of Events:

Exam dates are in **bold**. These will not change. There may be changes to the content covered, which will be explained in class.

Dates	Topics	Readings
Aug 24 - Sep 16	Introduction to Macroeconomics	Chapters 1 - 6
Sep 21 - Oct 12	Measurement, AgD-AgS	Chapters 6 - 9
Oct 14 - Nov 4	Macroeconomic Theory	Chapters 9 - 11
Nov 9 - Dec 2 Dec 9, 8 am	Money, Banking, Growth, Policy.	Chapters 12 - 15

Grade Calculator

Fill in your grade on each exam when you get it back, then total them to determine your grade in the class.

	Grade	Total	Possible	A	B	C	D
Exam 1			100	90	80	70	60
Exam 2			200	180	160	140	120
Exam 3			300	270	240	210	180
Final			400	360	320	280	240

Add your extra credit points to your worst exam score to calculate your grade.