

ECON 2105: Principles of MACROECONOMICS

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UWG Spring 2016

COURSE/SECTION/TIME:

ECON 2105-N01, CRN 11279
ECON 2105-N02, CRN 11280

LOCATION:

Final Exam - April 22nd at 9 am EST
Miller Hall Room 1201
Proctoring options available April 20-22

REQUIRED TEXT:

Macro (4th edition, 2015)
William McEachern
ISBN 1-2854-2362-3

Note: The online access card is not required. If you use an earlier edition, it is your responsibility to note any changes. A 3rd edition textbook should be acceptable and cheap! A 4th edition textbook will be on reserve in the UWG Library.

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PREREQUISITES: Overall 2.0 GPA

IMPORTANT GRADING INFORMATION

Grading is calculated based on your performance on nine online quizzes, a midterm and a cumulative final exam.

Tests (2) – midterm (20%), final (30%)	50%	50 points
Quizzes	50%	50 points
TOTAL:	100%	100 points

The midterm and cumulative final are based on the assigned readings, lecture notes, and quizzes. There are NO make-up tests, except for university approved excuses, such as severe/contagious illnesses, death in the family, hospitalization or 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 CourseDen. All quizzes are completed using CourseDen and missed quizzes CANNOT be made up without prior permission and appropriate documentation. All deadlines are stated as Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Any extra credit opportunities will be announced on CourseDen along with their corresponding deadlines and will be offered to the class as a whole. The pursuit of extra credit is optional and is offered at the discretion of the instructor and there is no guarantee of extra credit availability in this course.

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!!

Monday, January 11, 2016

- Watch Orientation Video
- Read Syllabus
- Take Syllabus Quiz (Q-Syllabus)
- Purchase Textbook
- Pick Final Exam Slot
- Form a Study Group
- Join Class FB Group/Remind/Twitter

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

- Syllabus Quiz - Ends 1/19 @11:59 pm EST
- Read Ch 1
- Complete Ch 1 Practice Problems
- Math Eval A - Ends 1/24 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, January 25, 2016

- Read Ch 2
- Complete Ch 2 Practice Problems
- Math Eval B - Ends 1/31 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, February 1, 2016

- Read Ch 3
- Complete Ch 3 Practice Problems
- Quiz 1 (Ch 1-3) - Ends 2/7 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, February 8, 2016

- Read Ch 4
- Complete Ch 4 Practice Problems
- Quiz 2 (Ch 4) - Ends 2/14 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, February 15, 2016

- Read Ch 5
- Complete Ch 5 Practice Problems
- Quiz 3 (Ch 5) - Ends 2/21 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, February 22, 2016

- Read Ch 6
- Complete Ch 6 Practice Problems
- Quiz 4 (Ch 6) - Ends 2/28 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, February 29, 2016

- Midterm (Ch 1-6) - Opens 2/29
- Midterm (Ch 1-6) - Ends 3/2 @11:59 pm EST
- Last Day to Withdraw with "W" 3/3

Monday, March 7, 2016

- Read Ch 7
- Complete Ch 7 Practice Problems
- Quiz 5 (Ch 7) - Ends 3/13 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, March 21, 2016

- Read Ch 8
- Complete Ch 8 Practice Problems
- Quiz 6 (Ch 8) - Ends 3/27 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, March 28, 2016

- Read Ch 9
- Complete Ch 9 Practice Problems
- Quiz 7 (Ch 9) - Ends 4/3 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, April 4, 2016

- Read Ch 10
- Complete Ch 10 Practice Problems

Monday, April 11, 2016

- Read Ch 11/13/15
- Complete Ch 11/13/15 Practice Problems
- Quiz 8 (Ch 11/13/15) - Ends 4/17 @11:59 pm EST

Monday, April 18, 2016

- Quiz 9 (Review Quiz) - Ends 4/21 @11:59 pm EST
- Final Exam - 4/22/2016 - See Syllabus

Please utilize this course calendar checklist to keep you on pace with the rest of the class. All due dates will remain fixed, however chapters covered for each test/quiz are tentative and deviations may be necessary depending upon the progress of the class. Any and all changes to the dates on the syllabus will be posted on CourseDen and via the communication tools/social media sites used for the class.

If you have conflicts with the date, time or location of the required face-to-face final exam date (4/22/2016), you must sign-up to take a proctored exam instead within the final exam window (4/20 – 4/22/2016). You must meet the submission deadline for the take home midterm and you must be in the classroom prior to the start of your final exam - late entry will not be allowed and you will forfeit your right to earn points towards the scheduled midterm or final. Please allocate plenty of time for handling technology issues, parking problems or traffic delays.

Any student who does not meet the midterm submission deadline will have their midterm weight automatically added to their cumulative final. The final for these students will count as 50% of their grade which is the weight of the missed midterm and final combined. All other students in the class will have their grade calculated BOTH ways (20% midterm & 30% final vs. 50% final) to ensure that any potential advantage obtained by missing the midterm is made available to all students. The highest overall grade calculated of the two possibilities will be recorded as the final overall class grade.

NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the class by contacting the registrar's office directly. On January 20th, I will check to see that you have attended class (i.e. logged in on CourseDen and completed the required syllabus quiz) prior to this date. If these conditions are not satisfied, you will be removed from the course for non-attendance in order to protect your GPA and conform to institutional requirements! The last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" is March 3rd.

Please be aware that UWG has instituted a new limited withdrawal policy as of the Fall Semester 2013, information is available here: <http://www.westga.edu/registrar/1560.php>

ATTENDANCE: This is an online class where work is completed independently with scheduled deadlines for quizzes and tests. 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.

This is not an independent study or self-paced course, but instead is delivered as asynchronous instruction which means that you can access the material you need without time/place constraints (attending a regular class). This allows you the flexibility you need but there are still firm deadlines and a set "pace" to the course. To be successful in the course, you will need to be comfortable interacting and collaborating with your classmates in an online setting. If this does not suit your learning style or fit your academic needs, check here: http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_17279.php for alternative classes.

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 severe weather occurs, particularly those affecting your ability to meet deadlines, I will adjust them accordingly. I will also be using Remind 101 this semester, register here (<http://www.remind101.com/join/uwgmacro>) or see the last page for more information.

CELLPHONES/COMPUTERS: On final exam day, phones, music devices, calculators and any other electronic device or auxiliary devices (ex: headphones, Bluetooth headsets, calculator watches, smart watches, cameras, etc.) are not allowed at your desk or in your clothing. I prefer you leave these at home or in your backpack which must be left at the front of the classroom. Hats, hoods, caps, drink and food must all be left at home or at the front of the class. Failure to follow this exam day procedure will result in action in accordance with the academic dishonesty policy stated below.

I encourage the use of technology in our virtual classroom as a tool to enhance learning. Tweeting using the class hashtag, interacting using the Facebook page or utilizing the new Facebook group are all great ways to interact with your classmates. I highly recommend using technology as a way to build your own personal learning network and any extra credit opportunities are designed to provide you with the positive incentive to put forth effort in this area.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Cheating on any test (midterm/final) 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 quiz will result in a zero on the quiz, 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 with or without compensation.**

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)

A complete list of learning goals for the Economics Department can be found at the department web site (http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_12904.php).

CREDIT HOUR POLICY (3 CREDIT HOURS): For approximately 15 weeks, students in this class will generally spend 150 minutes with direct faculty instruction (either face-to-face or online) and work up to 360 minutes outside of the classroom each day. This out-of-class work may include, but is not limited to, readings, assignments, research, and test preparation.

COMMON LANGUAGE FOR COURSE SYLLABI: Please carefully review the following information which contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. These statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change; you should review the information each semester. [http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common Language for Course Syllabi.pdf](http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common%20Language%20for%20Course%20Syllabi.pdf)

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY: This course is delivered 95% online. You must have reliable access to technology to be successful in this course. You can complete your course using the student computer labs on campus or on your own equipment. Keep in mind that 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.

This course does not require the purchase or use of a clicker/iclicker. From time to time we will answer questions interactively using cellphones or computers and a free program called Poll Everywhere or an online survey tool such as Survey Monkey.

COURSE DEN (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>

Problems? E-mail: online@westga.edu or call: 678-839-6248 (M-F 8am-5pm)

24 Hour Helpline: 1-855-772-0423 (toll free) or 800-892-4315 (hearing impaired)

Online Help: <http://D2Lhelp.view.usg.edu>

Tutorials and News: <http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php>

For help logging in to CourseDen via UWG ID (the universal username/password system), contact the ITS helpdesk: <https://selfservice.westga.edu/> or call 678-839-6587

PARKING SERVICES: All University of West Georgia students taking online classes that visit the Carrollton campus must have their vehicle registered and display a current University of West Georgia hangtag or follow the visitor parking code. http://www.westga.edu/parking/index_4289.php

UWG STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (UWG ID): You must show your current UWG ID card in order to take your final exam. Student ID cards are made in the University Community Center (UCC), Top Floor from 8 am –7 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8 am-4:30 pm Friday. UWG students registered only in online courses are eligible to obtain their student ID Wolves Card via mail using: http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/wolvesCard/UWG_ID_Card_Distance_Learning_Form.pdf

IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION: Please note that this course requires a face-to-face final exam which is scheduled to take place on Friday, 4/22/2016 at 9 am in Miller Hall Room 1201. If you require a proctored test in an alternative location, you must contact me during the first week of class to work out the details in advance so that a test can be provided for you. There are multiple steps in the test proctoring process to allow us to coordinate across multiple departments and universities, therefore last minute proctoring requests cannot be granted. Please note, proctored tests generally carry an additional fee from the testing center that must be paid by the student and the proctoring window for this course is 4/20-4/22/2016.

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 econ projects on Pinterest, or increasing your future business network on LinkedIn. If any additional extra credit opportunities are offered they will likely utilize social media, so I have listed my information below. My belief is that together we can make this a class one that you look forward to “attending” in the virtual classroom!

COLLABORATE/CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASS!



facebook.com/rockonomix



youtube.com/cubegrl



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“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.” ~Henry David Thoreau

K. Holder would like you to join UWGMacro!

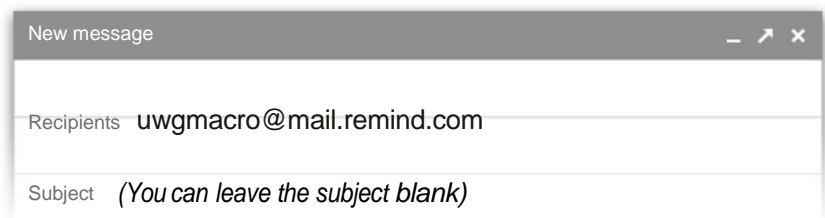


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