

University of Southern California

Econ 205 Principles of Macroeconomics
Text: The Macro Economy Today
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Location: THH 301

Purpose and Objective of the Course

Introduction to macroeconomics, determinants of nation income, output, employment, inflation, and price level, monetary policy and fiscal policy, international economics, applications of economic principle to domestic and international economic problems.

Grading

The course will be based on the following performance:

First Exam: 100 Points

Midterm Exam: 100 Points

Discussion Session: 100 Points (50 points for quizzes and 50 points for homework)

Final Exam: 100 Points Friday, December 11th at 2:00-4:00

Required Reading

The Nature of Economics – Why study Economics?

Micro vs. Macroeconomics

The science of Econ. Analysis Chpt. 1, 2, 3,4

Tools of Econ. Analysis

Opportunity Cost

Production Possibilities

Scarcity – Specialization

Economics System

The Law of Supply and Demand

Public Spending and Transfer Progress

Econ. Function of Government

Funding the Public Sector

Tax System (Federal, state, local)

Social Security

Introduction to Macroeconomics

Unemployment Chpt. 5,6,7,8

Inflation

Measuring the Economy Performance

Gross Domestic Product

Economic Growth and Development

Business Cycle

Tech. and Growth
The Circular Flow of Income

Classical and Keynesian Macro Theory

The Classical Model – Say's Law Chpt. 9, 10
The Money and Labor Markets
The Keynesian Model
The Aggregate Demand Theory
Consumption Function, Real G.D.P.
The Multiplier

Fiscal Policy

Discretionary Fiscal Policy Chpt. 11,12
Automatic Stabilizers
Financial System
Deficit Spending

Money Banking and Central Banking

What is Money? Chpt. 13,14,15
Function of Money
Banking Structure
The F.R.B.
The Money Multiplier
Monetary Policy Tools
Monetary Policy and Inflation

International Economics and Finance

Exchange Rate
The Balance of Payment Chpt. 20, 21
The Gold Standard the I.M.F.
The Current International System – Floating

Disability Statement:

Students requesting academic accommodations based on disability are required to reregister with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verifications for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP when adequate documentation is filed. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible. DSP is open: Monday – Friday from 8:30- 5:00 P.M. The office is in the Students Union 301 and their phone number is (213)-740-0776.

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DISCUSSION SECTIONS 26048 and 26046
Time: Friday 1000 to 1050hrs and Friday 1100 to 1150hrs
Location: KAP 144

TA: Diego Vilán

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Office: Cubicle # 9, KAP 363

Office hours: Thu: 9.30 to 11.30hrs and Fri: 12.00 to 14.00hrs

Description

This discussion section complements ECON205, the Principles of Macroeconomics course taught by Prof. Al-Sabea. The purpose of this section is to enhance your understanding of the course material by reviewing relevant concepts, and solving practice / homework problems. Please bring your textbook to every section.

Class Attendance:

Although attendance is not required, I strongly encourage you to attend every session.

Class preparation:

It is important that you read the assigned chapters of the textbook, lecture notes and any additional material *before* each section. We have a lot of material to cover, and your prior preparation will enable us to do so effectively.

Course Website: Announcements, TA's office hours, and other class materials will be posted on <https://blackboard.usc.edu/>.

Grading criteria

This session is worth 25% of your class grade. The session grade will be based on:

- 3 homework sets
- 3 quizzes

The homework due dates and quiz dates will be announced as we progress in the course. Students often find it beneficial to work with other students on the homework sets. This type of collaboration is encouraged. However, each student must write up his/her **own** solutions.

There will be a 2 point penalty per day for late submission of homework sets. Homework sets must be submitted to me during the discussion section they are due in. If you are unable to submit your homework set during the discussion section, you may make **prior** arrangements to use an alternate submission route, as long as it reaches me no later than the end of the discussion section it is due in.

Attendance of other sessions

There are several discussion sections for this course. However, each one of them will most probably be full. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to attend your section only. You can attend another section only with my permission and permission of the TA of the other section. Unauthorized attendance of another section when a quiz is given will result in a score of ZERO for that quiz.

Authorized Absences

Students who will be absent from a scheduled class meeting or examination because of an official University activity may be granted an official excuse in advance of the event by the appropriate

department. The appropriate department will provide eligible students with a letter excusing them from class. The student must hand this letter over to the course instructor and the discussion section TA as soon as possible in order to facilitate academic accommodations.

Code of Ethics & Academic Integrity:

Students must understand and uphold the rules printed in the Student Conduct Code in the USC SCampus handbook regarding examination malpractice, fabrication, plagiarism, and other types of academic dishonesty.

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Etc.: Please **turn off** all cell phones, i-pods, computers, etc. **before** entering the classroom.

Disclaimer: It may be necessary to modify this syllabus in light of developments during the semester. If modified, new copies will be distributed in session.