
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE

College of Business

Department of Economics and Finance

Macroeconomics 2301 - Spring 2018

Classes meet 1/16/18 – 5/11/18

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Text and online homework package:

Mankiw - Bundle: Principles of Macroeconomics, Loose-Leaf Version, 8th + MindTap® Economics, 1 term (6 months) Printed Access Card
| 9781337378963
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8th Edition

Attendance: This course will measure how open you are to learning and how hard you work, not your intelligence level.

Course evaluation: All grading will be >90% = A (495 points minimum); 80-89% = B (440 points minimum); 70-79% = C (385 points minimum) and so on with <60% = F

Please also note that if this is required for your major, you will not graduate with a D -- plan accordingly. Also note that eCollege gradebook does not allow lowest grades to be dropped. Ecollege will provide an approximation of your grade, but accuracy will require manual calculation.

Tests: Four exams – lowest score dropped (100 points each)	= 300 points for course
Discussions (2 x 25 points each)	= 50 points for course
Writing Assignment	= 50 points for course
Homework on Cengage	= 150 points for course
Total Points available	= 550 points for course

Objectives:

Successful students will be able to accomplish these objectives toward understanding the economy:

1. Explain how choices and trade improve welfare.
2. Be able to use the supply and demand model to describe individual decision makers, an industry, and the economy as a whole.
3. Be able to calculate features of the economy given a simplified dataset. Be able to discuss the limitations and benefits of using each construct to describe the economy.
4. Model the effects on society for changes in macroeconomic variables.

Successful students will be able to accomplish these objectives as critical thinkers:

- A. Identify assumptions used in models
- B. Identify information and data that is relevant to an economic problem.
- C. Be able to identify alternative solutions to an economic problem.
- D. Be able to relate and explain economic topics to economic models.
- E. **Identify the societal and/or civic issues that are relevant to an economic problem or event.** (This is also the Stated Learning Objective for the **University Core Learning Objectives and Course Objectives & Global Course Designation**)

It is critically important that you follow the instructions for submission of work. I will not search for your work, if it is submitted incorrectly, it will not be graded. Late work is accepted only with approved absences. Any scheduled absence requires that you make testing arrangements prior to the exam. Without approval, if late work is accepted it will receive a 20% reduction in the grade.

Obviously, grades are important. But, even more important is what you learn and how employable you are upon graduation. Extra-curricular activities, professional networking, and supplemental skills and certifications combined with successful coursework further this goal. Events and opportunities are frequently announced in class and you are encouraged to participate. Attire for these events should be business casual or business professional. In addition to the events announced in class, make sure to look at www.tamuc.edu/cobcareers.

A reading and homework schedule will be posted separately. The schedule below covers the topics covered, major assignments, and exams. This is a tentative schedule - dates and assignments are subject to change. Please see the homework supplement for homework instructions and due dates.

Week 1 –Intro and Models and Gains from Trade
Week 2– Supply and Demand
Week 3 – Exam 1
Week 4 –Market Interventions
Week 5 – GDP and Exam 2
Week 6 – Unemployment
Week 7 – Inflation, Savings, Investment and the Financial System
Week 8 – Basic Tools of Finance
Week 9 – Economic Growth
Spring Break
Week 10 – Group Presentations & Exam Review
Week 11– Exam 3 – Monetary System and Money Growth
Week 12 – ADAS and Fiscal Policy – Paper Due
Week 13 –Tradeoff Inflation and Unemployment - Thanksgiving Break
Week 14 – Open Economy Macro
Week 15 – Debates
Finals Week (see Finals Schedule) - Exam 4

Have a safe and productive summer break – or Congratulations on Graduation!
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Textbook:

If you have concerns about purchasing the textbook please make an appointment to discuss alternate arrangements.

Academic Integrity Policy:

You are expected to do your own work and behave with ethics and integrity. Please ask the instructor if you have questions about what is acceptable conduct for the course. Additionally, the Economics and Finance Department policy on academic integrity should be consulted on the departmental website at

http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/business/departments/economicsFinance/academic_integrity_policy.aspx

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