



ECON, 2301-22706, 22439, & 22440 Prin Macro Economics

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required: Open Stax book here: <https://openstax.org/details/books/principles-macroeconomics-3e>

Software Required: Updated MISD Chromebook

Course Description

Student Learning Outcomes (Should be measurable; observable; use action verbs)

1. Explain the role of scarcity, specialization, opportunity cost/benefit analysis in economic decision-making
2. Identify the determinants of supply and demand; demonstrate the impact of shifts in both markets supply and demand curves on equilibrium price and output
3. Define and measure national income and rate of unemployment and inflation
4. Identify the phases of the business cycle and the problems caused by cyclical fluctuations in the market economy

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5. Define money and the money supply; describe the process of money creation by the banking system and the role of the central bank
6. Construct the aggregate demand and aggregate supply model of the macro economy and use it to illustrate macroeconomic problems and potential monetary and fiscal solutions.
7. Explain the mechanics and institutions of international trade and their impact on the macro economy
8. Define economic growth and identify sources of economic growth.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Instructional Methods

In class/Lecture

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

Points	Percentages	Letter Grade
900-1,000	90-100%	A
800-899	80-89%	B
700-799	70-79%	C
600-699	60-69%	D
0-599	0-59%	F

Summary of Graded Work

Assignments	Number of Assignments	Total Points
Economics Debates	5 Debates @ 44 points each	220
Chapter Quizzes	13 Quizzes @ 20 points each	260
Unit Tests	4 Test @ 80 points each	320
In Class Participation/Simulations	Taken as an overall average	100
<i>Homework Assignments (up to Ch. 17)</i>	<i>Up to 100 points</i>	<i>100</i>

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Assignments	Number of Assignments	Total Points
- <i>Must earn a minimum of 5pt. on each chapter.</i>		
<i>*All Homework and Chapter Quizzes are due the week they are assigned unless otherwise noted.</i>		

Total of all Assignment Categories: 1000 points

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

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Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

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Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

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Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware

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of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	Chapter(s) and Reading(s)	Due This Week
1 (Jan 6 - 12)	Intro Week – Read Syllabus & Get Acquainted with Material Chapter 1	No Assignments Due this Week
2 (Jan 13 -19)	Chapter 1 – Welcome to Economics!	Ch. 1 Quiz/HW
3 (Jan 20 - 26)	Chapter 2 – Choice in a World of Scarcity	Ch. 2 Quiz/HW Debate 1
4 (Jan 27 – Feb 2)	Chapter 3 – Demand and Supply	Ch. 3 Quiz/HW
5 (Feb 3 - 9)	Chapter 4 – Labor and Financial Markets	Ch. 4 Quiz/HW Test #1 (Ch 1-4)
6 (Feb 10 - 16)	Chapter 5 – Elasticity	Ch. 5 Quiz/HW Debate 2
7 (Feb 17 - 23)	Chapter 6 – The Macroeconomic Perspective	Ch. 6 Quiz/HW Debate 3
8 (Feb 24 – Mar 2)	Chapter 7 – Economic Growth	Ch. 7 Quiz/HW Test 2 (Ch 5-7)
9 (Mar 3 - 9)	Chapter 8 – Unemployment	Ch. 8 Quiz/HW
10 (Mar 10 - 16)	Chapter 9 – Inflation	Ch. 9 Quiz/HW
Spring Break		
11 (Mar 24 - 30)	Chapter 10 – The International Trade and Capital Flows	Ch. 10 Quiz/HW Test #3 (8-10)
12 (Mar 31- Apr. 6)	Chapter 12 – The Keynesian Perspective	Debate 4 Ch. 12 Quiz/HW
13 (Apr. 7 - 13)	Chapter 13 – The Neoclassical Perspective	Ch. 13 Quiz/HW

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Week	Chapter(s) and Reading(s)	Due This Week
14 (Apr. 14 - 20)	Chapter 20 – International Trade	Ch. 15 Quiz/HW Debate 5
15 (Apr. 21– 27)	Simulation Week	
16 (Apr. 28- May 4)	Chapter 17 – Globalization and Protectionism	Ch. 17 Quiz/HW
17 (May 5 - 9)	Finals Week	Final (Ch. 12, 15, 17)

*All assignments due at 11:59pm of the assigned week unless otherwise noted.

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