



AEC 497.01W: MACROECONOMICS OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE SYLLABUS

August Mini 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: Email

Communication Response Time: Within 24 hours Monday through Friday

COURSE INFORMATION

Class Meeting: Web-based

Readings

Required: PowerPoint Presentations: These will be provided on D2L.

Recommended/Optional Textbook: *Agricultural Economics* by H. Evan Drummond and John W. Goodwin. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey, 3rd Ed., 2011 (ISBN 9780136071921).

Course Description

A study of macroeconomic principles with their application to problems of agricultural production, distribution, and income; the interrelationship between agriculture and other segments of the economy; and the dynamic forces in the economy which impact agriculture.

Lecture Topics

Money and Financial Intermediaries

The Circular Flow of Income

Monetary Policy

Fiscal Policy

Chapter 10 in the Textbook

Chapter 11 in the Textbook

Chapter 12 in the Textbook

Chapter 13 in the Textbook

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.

Student Learning Outcomes

After studying all materials and resources presented in this course, students will be able to:

1. Create an economic overview of the macro economy.
2. Evaluate "big picture" issues regarding agriculture as it relates to the complex structure of the U.S. economy, and how the economy functions in an increasingly interdependent world.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students are expected to know how to use the D2L learning management system and PowerPoint.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

1. Read the assigned readings.
2. Complete and turn in course assignments at the scheduled time.
3. Use the web to actively seek out other relevant sources that fit your learning style and help you better understand the material.
4. Be prepared for exams.

GRADING

Your grade for the semester will be a weighted average of homework assignments and one exam.

Homework assignments	60%
Exam	40%

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

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89.99%

C = 70%-79.99%

D = 60%-69.99%

F = 59.99% or below

Assessments

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS (HAs): Homework assignments will be assigned regularly (see the course outline at the end of the syllabus). Homework assignments are intended to help students enhance understanding of the material. Homework assignments must be submitted on D2L on the due date. No late submission of a homework assignment will be accepted and a grade of zero will be assessed for it.

EXAM: Other than for university-excused absences or a valid doctor's excuse, no make-up exams will be given. If an exam is missed a grade of zero will be assessed for it.

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University 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

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, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

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

The instructor's communication response is stated clearly (see page 1).

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

No late assignments will be accepted and a grade of zero will be assessed for them.

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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](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

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>

ETAMU Attendance

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

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

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University 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](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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AI Use in Course

East Texas A&M University 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 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

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

East Texas A&M University

Gee Library - Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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.

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Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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.

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 East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE

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Lectures	Topic/All assignments are due on specific dates listed below by 11:30 p.m on D2L. For example, Homework Assignment_1 is due August 11 by 11:30 p.m., or Exam is due August 22 by 11:30 p.m.
Lecture 1 Aug 8 – Aug 11	Syllabus Money and Financial Intermediaries Homework Assignment_1
Lecture 2 Aug 12 – Aug 15	The Circular Flow of Income Homework Assignment_2
Lecture 3 Aug 16 – Aug 19	Monetary Policy Homework Assignment_3
Lecture 4 Aug 20 – Aug 21	Fiscal Policy Homework Assignment_4
Exam Aug 22 – Aug 22	Exam

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