

**PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS 2020-010
SPRING 2009 SYLLABUS**

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Required Text: Krugman, Paul and Robin Wells. Worth Publishers. It examines the aggregate behavior of the economy. This is different from microeconomics, which is the study of individual and firm behavior. We will study the principles of macroeconomics with special emphasis on the concepts of supply, demand, and elasticity. Students should be comfortable using

Course Topics: (This schedule is tentative and subject to change.):

Week	Textbook Chapters	Topics
1	2	Introduction
2	6	The Big Picture
3	7	Tracking the Macroeconomy
4	9	Savings and Investment
5	11	Income and Expenditure
6, 7	10	Am0ESRkTPIRqPP50/HKLq6IRqP5ESRmK,vukRkRuRukK6u r Lv4T/
9	13	Money and Banking
10, 11	14	Monetary Policy
12, 13	15	Labor Markets
14	16	Inflation
15	8	Long-Run Growth

Lectures: In lecture, new material will be presented. This material will be based upon the textbook, but may differ in emphasis. There may be some material on the exams that is covered only in lecture and not in the textbook. Should you miss a lecture, you should get lecture notes from another student in the class.

Also, we will begin lecture most days by spending a few minutes on current events that pertain to macroeconomics. I will ask for volunteers to give a quick explanation of a current event. If nobody has an event to discuss we will continue on with the lecture material. As a class, we will discuss the issue and determine the relevant economic principles involved as well as the policy implications. The material from these discussions is fair game for exams.

Grading: Your course grade will be based on six different

The graded problem sets have a firm due date. You can change your answers as many times as you like before the due date has passed. Once the due date has passed, the grade will be recorded and it will not be possible to change your answers or complete the assignment at this point. In other words, Aplia assignments must be completed by the due date. The software does not care whether you have an excuse or not. These assignments are posted weeks in advance. Do them early to avoid any emergencies preventing your completion before the due date. After the due date, you will be able to see the correct answers and the explanations for graded problems.

The cost of Aplia is \$70 per student for this class for the semester. You may register and use the website until **02/01/2009** without paying the fee. If you are considering dropping this course during the drop/add period, do not make a payment until you are sure. You will need to pay the full amount before the end of the grace period to continue using the site. You may pay online with a credit card or personal check, or you can mail a check or money order to the address provided on the Aplia site.

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- 2) Article Analyses (10%): Throughout the semester we will be discussing articles in class. There will be approximately one article per chapter. You must do 8 of the 11 articles. You are required to turn in word-processed (double spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 to 2 pages, 1 inch margins) analyses of the articles that we are discussing in class. On the course website, you will find a link for the reading list as well as a list of questions that I want you to address for each article. Check back often as the list will be constantly updated throughout the semester. Write a summary of the article and answer the questions in paragraph form. Include a second page of relevant

To make this add up to 100%, I'll automatically drop the lowest of your Recitation, Midterm 1, or Midterm 2 scores when determining your grade. You will not be able to drop your Final Exam score.

Example: 60% on Aplia
 100% on article analyses
 80% on midterm 1
 65% on midterm 2
 85% in recitation

Additional Notes: