Econ 3560-002, 5040-001  Course Syllabus  Spring 2012

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Class Meetings: Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:50 p.m., LIFE A419

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Course Objective:

This class builds on the theories, institutions, and policies presented in Principles of Macroeconomics to further your understanding of how the economy operates in both the short run and the long run.

Course Information and Policies:

The workbook contains information and examples that will be used in class. Bring your book with you to each class meeting. Access grades and other materials online at http://ecampus.unt.edu.

Visit the Help Center in Hickory Hall, room 152, for assistance with course concepts or assignments. Help Center hours will be posted when the schedule is finalized.

Your class average is based on the grades earned on worksheets (20%), two regular exams (30% each), and a take-home final exam (20%). After calculating your class average, letter grades are assigned according to the following scale:

90 – 100% = A, 80 – 89% = B, 70 – 79% = C, 60 – 69% = D, and 59% or below = F

If you miss an exam with a university-approved excuse, provide documentation within two weeks to request a makeup exam and make arrangements to take the makeup exam on Saturday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. (location TBA). If you miss an exam with no university-approved excuse, a grade of 0 is recorded and the option of dropping the class should be carefully considered.

See http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/spring/withdraw.html for detailed information about dropping or withdrawing. Go to the department office (Hickory Hall, room 254) before Tuesday, March 27th to obtain a drop slip which I have already signed, giving a grade of “W”, or see me to discuss your options. If you stop attending and do not drop the class, you may receive an “F” in the course.
You may request a grade of Incomplete only if at least one-half of the work has been completed with a passing grade and an emergency (illness, family emergency, etc.) prevents you from completing the rest. If you meet these requirements, request a grade of Incomplete before May 9th (you can make the request by email if you aren't able to see me).

If you have a disability for which you will require accommodation under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, please discuss your needs with me after class or at office hours.

The Economics Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have not registered with ODA, we encourage you to do so. Please present your written accommodation request on or before February 8th.

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University’s Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the complete policy go to http://www.vpaa.unt.edu/.

Cheating: The use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments;
2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments;
3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

Plagiarism: Use of another’s thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student’s intent, including but not limited to:

1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.
Course Outline:

Class meetings are held in the Life Sciences Complex, room A419, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending no later than 8:45 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

A typical class meeting involves presentation and discussion of topics covered in the reading and will include demonstrations of solving problems and working with graphs. There will be a short break, usually from 7:15 to 7:30. If possible, wait until the break is called to leave the classroom in order to minimize disruptions for other students.

Worksheets will be distributed at 8:15 and students will be encouraged to work together in small groups to complete problems involving calculations and/or graphs. Worksheets submitted by 8:45 the same evening are eligible for a grade of up to “100”; worksheets submitted at the beginning of class the next week are eligible for a grade of up to “90”. A grade of “0” will be recorded if the worksheet is not submitted when called for in class. No makeup assignments will be provided for students who did not submit worksheets. Each student is expected to complete and submit their own paper. The previous week’s graded worksheet will be returned at the beginning of class and students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the assignments. The worksheets will be posted on Blackboard on Thursday so students who missed class can print them and submit the next week, for a maximum grade of “90”. There will be a total of 11 worksheets and the worksheet average is based on the best 10 grades.

When a regular exam is scheduled, the class period begins with an optional review session from 6:00 to 6:30, during which the previous week’s graded worksheet is returned and student questions are answered in the classroom, followed by a break from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Testing begins promptly at 6:45 p.m. and ends at 8:15 p.m. No additional time will be offered for any reason. Students who require extended testing time should work with the Office of Disability Accommodation to arrange an alternate exam time and location.

January 18  Ch 1 Macroeconomic Goals and Measuring Unemployment
January 25  Ch 1 Measuring Inflation and Measuring Growth WS1
February 1  Ch 2 Aggregate Demand/Aggregate Supply Analysis WS2
February 8  Ch 2 The Classical Model and Monetary Policy WS3
February 15 Ch 2 Monetary Policy and Economic Growth WS4
February 22 Ch 2 Economic Growth WS5
February 29  Review 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., EXAM 1 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.
March 7  Ch 3 Keynesian Economics and Fiscal Policy WS6
March 14  Ch 3 The IS-LM Model WS7
March 21  SPRING BREAK
March 27  Last day to drop with instructor approval
March 28  Ch 3 The IS-LM Model WS8
April 4  Ch 3 Deriving the Aggregate Demand Curve WS9
April 11  Ch 4 Net Foreign Investment and Net Exports WS10
April 18  Ch 4 Foreign Currency and Open Economy Analysis WS11
April 25  Review 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., EXAM 2 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.
May 2  Ch 3 Macroeconomic Policy Debates, take-home exam distributed
May 9  Take-Home Exam DUE, 6:00 p.m., Hickory Hall 283-F