



## **Course Syllabus: Macroeconomic Principles**

Dillard College of Business Administration

ECON 2333 Sections 202 and 251

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### **Course Description**

This is an introductory course to macroeconomics. This specific branch of economics focuses on studying an economy as a whole, that is, in the aggregate. This includes learning about how and why an economy grows, why recessions occur, what are the causes and consequences of inflation and unemployment, and international trade.

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Effectively communicate and analyze the applications of macroeconomic theory and policies that are related to regional, national, and/or global economic issues.
- Understand the importance of global factors in the performance of US and other foreign economies.

### **A. General Learning Goals:**

**1. Critical Thinking and problem solving through critical analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of business information.** The students will demonstrate their abilities in critical thinking and problem solving and decision-

making abilities by applying economic concepts to the problem/short essay section of homework and examinations.

**2. Empirical and Quantitative Skills.** The student will demonstrate their competency in analyzing and interpreting economic data to make informed decisions on economic issues.

**3. Communication skills.** The students will demonstrate their abilities in effective and efficient skills in writing by applying economic concepts to the problem/short essay section of examinations.

**4. Social Responsibilities.** The students will demonstrate their abilities in intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the abilities to engage effectively in regional, national, and global economic issues.

**5. Personal Responsibilities.** The students will demonstrate their abilities in connecting choices, actions, and consequences to economic reasoning and ethical decision-making.

## **B. Course Specific Learning Goals:**

- Gain basic ideas behind economic science
- Understand the demand and supply model
- Learn basic roles of government in market
- Understand Macroeconomic measurements
- Understand the effect of inflation, unemployment, business cycles, and growth
- Learn basic concepts of the monetary system
- Understand basic macroeconomic policies, fiscal and monetary policies
- Become aware of open-economy macroeconomics
- Gain basic knowledge of international trade/finance and globalization

## **Textbook & Instructional Materials**

Mankiw, N. Gregory, Principles of Macroeconomics, 9th Edition, Cengage Learning.

## **Student Handbook**

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

## **Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of

work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

### Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

### Grading

*Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment*

Assignments	Points
Attendance	50
16 Homework Assignments (35 points each)	560
4 Exams (Exams 1-3: 100 points each, Exam 4:90 points)	390
Total Points	1000

*Table 2: Total points for final grade.*

Grade	Points
A	Higher than 900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

### Homework

Homework assignments will be given after the completion of each chapter. All questions are solvable based on the lectures. Students are required to submit the assignments before the due date. ***Homework is always due at the beginning of class.*** On the homework review day, the instructor may ask each student to volunteer and explain how to solve problems on behalf of their colleagues. This is to develop the problem-solving and presentation skills as well as to practically review how much the students are understanding the materials. A bonus point will be earned accordingly. ***No late submission is accepted.***

### Exams

The exams must be taken as scheduled. **All exams are online and will be monitored through RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER, which will**

**require students to have access to a video webcam.** Every student is expected to have access to a webcam from the beginning of the semester. However, these monitoring tools are not compatible with Chromebook Laptop, Phones and Tablets. Contact [MSU Distance Education](#) to get proper instructions to execute this. **If necessary, the instructor may switch the exam to an in-person format.**

There are no make-up exams in this course and students missing an exam without a valid excuse will receive an exam grade of zero for the specific exam. A valid excuse is defined as an authorized absence (see Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog for the definition) or such event deemed acceptable by the instructor. ***No make-up exams are given for the unexcused missed exams.***

**There are four exams (and no cumulative final).** On the exam day, the students will have access to complete the exam on D2L from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. The students have 50 minutes to complete the exam at one sitting within this certain time limit. The exams can be multiple-choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, draw a graph, solving problems, and short essays. The exam dates are noted in the Tentative Course Schedule in this syllabus. However, the instructor can change the exam dates if necessary. Any changes in those dates will be announced in advance and posted prominently on D2L as well as being announced in class.

**IF ANY INSTANCE OF CHEATING IS DETECTED IN THE EXAM, ALL SUBSEQUENT EXAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON.**

### **Late Work**

If students miss an exam or assignment without prior approval from the instructor, ***a make-up exam or late submission of work is not allowed.*** However, for those who have missed homework submission and got a zero grade, I may give you a grace period at the end of the semester, but only 50% of the points will be counted. This will be announced accordingly right before the final exam. ***Please do not email the instructor about this make-up work before then.*** Most importantly, this opportunity will be given solely based on your instructor's decision. If the instructor thinks this grace period is not a well-deserved opportunity for this class, the opportunity will not be given.

### **Important Dates**

- Last day for term schedule changes: Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation: Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

## Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

## Attendance

**Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes given the university attendance policy.** For an excused absence, the document justifying the absence must be submitted to the instructor beforehand or within one week of the absence. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor.

As a matter of courtesy, do not leave lecture early without prior approval. Leaving class early, without prior approval, can result in an absence. To avoid disturbing the class, you are not to walk in and out of the classroom during class except for in an emergency. Use of cell phones, laptops, iPad, or other electronic devices is also not allowed in this class. ***I may consider your tendency of class participation in favor of a better grade if you only miss a higher score by a narrow margin.*** If you have any concerns or excuses during the semester, please let your instructor know.

## Online Computer Requirements

***\*Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered as a reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ***\*Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

## Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

## **Refund and Repayment Policy**

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

## **Services for Students with Disabilities**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

## **College Policies**

### *Campus Carry Rules/Policies*

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

### *Smoking/Tobacco Policy*

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

### *Alcohol and Drug Policy*

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

### *Campus Carry*

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

### Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “Run. Hide. Fight.” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

### **Grade Appeal Process**

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

**\*Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

### Tentative Course Schedule:

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1 1/19 to 1/23	Syllabus, Ch1	N/A
Week 2 1/26 to 1/30	Ch2, Ch4, Ch6 HW1 Review	HW1 (Ch1)
Week 3 2/2 to 2/6	Ch3, Ch9 HW2, HW3, and HW4 Review	HW2 (Ch2) HW3 (Ch4) HW4 (Ch6)
Week 4 2/9 to 2/13	HW5 and HW6 Review Exam1 Prep <b>Exam1</b> (Ch1,2,3,4,6,9)	HW5 (Ch3) HW6 (Ch9)
Week 5 2/16 to 2/20	Exam1 Review Ch10	N/A
Week 6 2/23 to 2/27	Ch11, Ch18 HW7 Review	HW7 (Ch10)
Week 7 3/2 to 3/6	Ch19 HW8 and HW9 Review	HW8 (Ch11) HW9 (Ch18)
Week 8 3/9 to 3/13	Spring Break	N/A
Week 9 3/16 to 3/20	HW10 Review and Exam2 Prep <b>Exam2</b> (Ch10,11,18,19) Exam2 Review	HW10 (Ch19)
Week 10 3/23 to 3/27	Ch12, Ch13	N/A
Week 11 3/30 to 4/3	Ch14, Ch15 HW11 and HW12 Review Easter Break (4/3)	HW11 (Ch12) HW12 (Ch13)
Week 12 4/6 to 4/10	HW13 and HW14 Review Exam3 Prep <b>Exam3</b> (Ch12,13,14,15)	HW13 (Ch14) HW14 (Ch15)
Week 13 4/13 to 4/17	Exam3 Review Ch16	N/A
Week 14 4/20 to 4/24	Ch17 HW15 Review	HW15 (Ch16)
Week 15 4/27 to 5/1	HW16 Review Exam4 Prep	HW16 (Ch17)
Week 16 5/4 to 5/8	<b>Exam4</b> (Ch16,17)	<b>Monday, May 4</b> <b>10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.</b> <b>(50 minutes)</b>