



Dillard College of Business Administration

ECON 2333: Principles of Macroeconomics

101: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:50 in DB 329

102: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:50 in DB 101

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The subject line of any email must start with “MACRO:” to ensure proper identification. For example: “MACRO: Next Exam Date?” Emails without the correct subject line format may not receive a response.

Course Materials

- **Required Text:** Principles of Macroeconomics, 9th Edition, Gregory Mankiw
- **Access:** Required digital materials for this course are part of the *Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas*.

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Course Description

This is an introductory course to macroeconomics. Macroeconomics focuses on studying the economy at the aggregate or national level. Topics include GDP, CPI, Inflation, economic growth, unemployment, the financial system, the monetary system, money growth, monetary policy, fiscal policy, and business cycles.

Objectives:

General Learning Goals:

- Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills through application of macroeconomic principles.
- Effectively communicate knowledge of macroeconomics when called upon in class.
- Understand the importance of global factors in the performance of the global economy.

Course Specific Learning Goals:

- Students will learn how fundamental macroeconomic indicators are constructed and the limitations of such variables.
- Students will demonstrate that they understand production, growth, savings, investment, and unemployment.
- Students are expected to fully grasp the difference between monetary policy and fiscal policy as well learn about money, banking, and financial institutions.

Assessments:

1. Homework Assignments: There will be 6 homework assignments that will be due on Fridays at 11:59 PM. These assignments will have only multiple-choice questions. You will **not** be allowed to make up these homework assignments.
2. Worksheets: There will be 9 in-class worksheets. You will **not** be allowed to make up these worksheet assignments.
3. Exams: There will be three, non-cumulative, mid-term exams and one cumulative final exam. Exams will be taken in-person during class. Students are not allowed help from any other person for these exams. All electronic devices are banned.

Missed Exam Policy:

If you miss one of the midterm exams, then 90% of your grade on the final will replace the missing grade. So, if you miss the first exam and make a 100% on the final, then you get 24 points for your final exam grade but only 19.8 points for the midterm that you missed.

Grading:

Assignment	Points	Assignment	Points
Homework Assignment #1	6	Worksheet #1	1
Homework Assignment #2	6	Worksheet #2	1
Homework Assignment #3	6	Worksheet #3	1
Homework Assignment #4	6	Worksheet #4	1
Homework Assignment #5	6	Worksheet #5	1
Homework Assignment #6	6	Worksheet #6	1
Exam # 1	22	Worksheet #7	1
Exam # 2	22	Worksheet #8	1
Exam # 3	22	Worksheet #9	1
Final Exam	24		

A= 89.5-100% C =69.5-79.5%
B= 79.5-89.5% D= 59.5-69.5% F= <59.5%

Exams make up 67% of your total final grade, so these are the most important. Homework makes up 26% of your final grade and the in-class worksheets make up 7% of your final grade.

Policies

- **Participation:** Students need to actively engage in class. Disruptive behavior such as sleeping in class, using electronic devices, tardiness, and any class disruption can negatively impact grades. The instructor reserves the right to lower any student's final grade by a letter grade if the student fails to actively participate in class discussions.
- **Cheating:** The use of unauthorized materials, receiving or giving help to other students, copying answers, using electronic devices or AI tools, and any other attempt to gain an unfair advantage during an examination. First offense will result in a 0 on the exam. Second offense will result in a 0 for the course.
- **Plagiarism:** The university reserves the right to reproduce student work for plagiarism detection software and originality verification purposes.
- **Recording:** Students cannot record lectures without permission.
- **Accommodations:** Students with disabilities can receive appropriate accommodations through the university's Disability Support Services.
- **Campus Carry:** Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at [link to MSU campus carry rules and policies](#).
- **Flexibility:** This syllabus is a guide for this course and is subject to change with advanced notice. (References: MSU Texas Student Handbook and Undergraduate Catalog)

Course Content

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
August 26 • Syllabus Day	August 28 • Chapter 4 - Market Forces	August 29
September 2 • Chapter 10: GDP	September 4 • Worksheet 1 - S&D	September 5 • Homework 1 Due 11:59pm
September 9 • Chapter 11: CPI	September 11 • Worksheet 2 - Measurement	September 12 • Homework 2 Due 11:59pm
September 16 • Chapter 12: Growth	September 18 • Worksheet 3 - Production	September 19
September 23 • Chapter 15: Unemployment	September 25 • Worksheet 4 - Unemployment	September 26 • Homework 3 Due 11:59pm
September 30 • Review	October 2 • Exam 1	October 3
October 7 • Chapter 13: Savings & Investment	October 9 • Worksheet 5 - S=I	October 10
October 14 • Chapter 14: Basic Finance	October 16 • Worksheet 6 - Finance	October 17 • Homework 4 Due 11:59pm
October 21 • Chapter 16: The Monetary System	October 23 • Worksheet 7 - Money Supply	October 24
October 28 • Chapter 17: Money Growth	October 30 • Worksheet 8 - Inflation	October 31 • Homework 5 Due 11:59pm
November 4 • Review	November 6 • Exam 2	November 7
November 11 • Chapter 20: Aggregate S&D	November 13 • Chapter 21: Monetary & Fiscal Policy	November 14
November 18 • Chapter 22: Phillips Curve	November 20 • Worksheet 9 - Business Cycles	November 21 • Homework 6 Due 11:59pm
November 25 • Thanksgiving Break	November 27 • Thanksgiving Break	November 28
December 2 • Review	December 4 • Exam 3	December 5
Final Exam to be determined between December 7th and December 12th		