



Course Syllabus: Principles of Macroeconomics

Dillard College of Business Administration

ECON 2333 101 – DB 329 at 9:30am

ECON 2333 102 – DB 101 at 12:30pm

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Course Description

This is an introductory course to macroeconomics. Macroeconomics focuses on

studying the economy in the aggregate and the models used in this course assume that the economy is more than the sum of its parts. In this course, we

will discuss economic growth, comparative advantage, GDP, inflation, unemployment, fiscal and monetary policy, and international trade.

General Learning Goals:

- Students will be asked to demonstrate their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by applying macroeconomic principles in their homework, quizzes, and exams.
- Students will demonstrate their communication abilities by effectively communicating their knowledge of macroeconomics in class.
- Students will demonstrate their understanding of the importance of global factors in the performance of the global economy.

Course Specific Learning Goals:

- Students will learn fundamental macroeconomic indicators, including GDP, inflation, and unemployment.

- Students will demonstrate that they understand production, growth, savings, investment determine economic growth and living standards.
- Students will explain how markets for goods, money, and financial assets can affect the broader economy.
- Students will distinguish between monetary and fiscal policy and explain how each can affect economic activity, inflation, and employment.
- Students will use basic macroeconomic models to analyze economic changes and evaluate the effects of economic policies.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Principles of Macroeconomics, 9th Edition, Gregory Mankiw

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Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given).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

Course Grade - List all graded assignments with their point value and or percentage of total grade. Letter Grade Scale indicate the overall points or % to letter grade scale for example 1270 to 1137 = A.

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Homework (10 at 4 points each)	40
Worksheets (10 at 1 point each)	10
Exam 1	20
Exam 2	20
Exam 3	20
Final Exam	25
Total Points	135

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	121.5+
B	108 to 121.5
C	94.5 to 108
D	81 to 94.5
F	Less than 81

Homework

There will be 10 online homework assignments worth 4 points each. These are designed to keep you engaged with the material throughout the class. The questions on these assignments are also designed to give you experience with the types of questions that will be on the exams.

Worksheets

In-class worksheets are designed to give you experience thinking through complex macroeconomic topics in a low-stakes environment before having to do the homework. There will be 10 worksheets worth 1 point each.

Exams

There will be four exams. The three midterms will be worth 20 points each while the final will be worth 25 points. The exams will include multiple-choice and true-false types of questions as well as writing prompt questions. Writing prompts will be 25% of each exam grade. Exams are expected to be done during the allotted class time. If you miss any exam for any reason, your grade on the final exam will replace the missing exam grade.

Extra Credit

There might be extra credit assignments at the end of the semester. No promises.

Late Work

I do not accept late work.

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 in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. In those classes where attendance is considered as part of the grade, the instructor should so inform students of the specifics in writing at the beginning of the semester in a syllabus or separate attendance policy statement. An instructor who has an attendance policy must keep records on a daily basis. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Any individual faculty member or college has the authority to establish an attendance policy, providing the policy is in accordance with the General University Policies.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking this class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered 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! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. 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](#).

Recording Classes

Recording classes is prohibited without my explicit permission.

Banned Material

Smart Glasses are banned from the classroom. Laptops, tablets, and phones are prohibited in the classroom without my explicit permission.

Instructor Class Policies

Do not wear pajamas.

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](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

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.

Course Schedule

Tuesdays	Thursdays	Friday
August 25 Syllabus Day	August 27 Chapter 4: Market Forces of Supply and Demand Lecture	
September 1 Chapter 10: GDP	September 3 Worksheet 1 – Supply and Demand	September 4 Homework 1 Due at 11:59pm
September 8 Chapter 11: CPI	September 10 Worksheet 2 - Measurement	September 11 Homework 2 Due at 11:59pm
September 15 Chapter 12: Growth	September 17 Worksheet 3 - Production	September 18 Homework 3 Due at 11:59pm
September 22 Chapter 15: Unemployment	September 24 Worksheet 4 - Unemployment	September 25 Homework 4 Due at 11:59pm
September 29 Review	October 1 Exam 1	
October 6 Chapter 13: Savings and Investment	October 8 Worksheet 5 – Savings and Investment	October 9 Homework 5 Due at 11:59pm
October 13 Chapter 14: Basic Finance	October 15 Worksheet 6 – Basic Finance	October 16 Homework 6 Due at 11:59pm
October 20 The Monetary System	October 22 Worksheet 7 – Money Supply	October 21 Homework 7 Due at 11:59pm
October 27 Money Growth	October 29 Worksheet 8 - Inflation	October 30 Homework 8 Due at 11:59pm
November 3 Exam 2	November 5 Chapter 20: Aggregate Supply and Demand	

Tuesdays	Thursdays	Friday
November 10 Chapter 21: Monetary and Fiscal Policy	November 12 Worksheet 9 – Aggregate Supply and Demand	November 13 Homework 9 Due at 11:59pm
November 17 Chapter 22: Philips Curve	November 19 Worksheet 10 – Philips Curve	November 20 Homework 10 Due at 11:59pm
November 24 Thanksgiving Break	November 26 Thanksgiving Break	
December 1 Review	December 3 Exam 3	