

Principles of Macroeconomics
Econ 2020 Section 500
Spring 2007 Syllabus

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Your recitation score will be determined by your recitation instructor according to the recitation syllabus. The same curving scheme described above will generally be applied to your recitation score to determine your final course grade. However, I reserve the right to equate the recitation scores from different recitation instructors. This may involve curving your recitation score up or down. In any case, additional curving of recitation scores will be done for fairness so that no one is either unfairly hurt or helped by the grading of different recitation instructors.

Exams:

The two midterm exams will take place during regular class time in the regular classroom on the dates listed below. The final will take place during finals week on the date, time, and place listed below. All exams will be graded by scantron, so be sure to remember a #2 pencil. You'll probably also want to bring a calculator (Cell phone calculators are not permitted. They make lousy calculators that take up too much time to use.). The number of questions on each exam may vary, but the final will have more questions than the midterm. The format of all questions will be multiple choice. Exam questions will be based on material covered in the book and/or in lecture. A minority of the questions will test your memory and understanding of the definitions and concepts covered, and a majority of the questions will test your ability to synthesize the material and apply the concepts in a new context. I'll talk more about each exam as the exam date approaches.

Make-ups for any exam are allowed only under compelling circumstances. Under such a compelling circumstance, you are always required to make prior arrangements before the exam, usually one week in advance. In the case that you miss a midterm exam that you cannot make-up, remember that the lowest midterm or recitation grade is dropped. So missing a midterm exam should be avoided, but it may or may not hurt you as long as you do well on the other midterm exam and in recitation. In the event that a make-up exam is warranted, I may choose to prorate your exam grade.

Important Dates:

Drop/Add Dates

Classes Start	Tues. Jan. 16
Recitations Start	Mon. Jan. 22
Midterm 1	Tues. Feb. 13
Midterm 2	Thurs. Mar. 22
Spring Break	Mon. Mar. 26 - Fri. Mar. 30
Last Day of Class	Thurs. May 3

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Tentative Course Outline:

Week 1	Introduction: Microeconomics Review Basic Macro Ideas: Business Cycles, Unemployment, Long Run Growth, Inflation, Open Economy	Chapters 1-6
Week 2	National Income: Gross Domestic Product, Measures of GDP, GDP Deflator	Chapter 7
Week 3	Price Indexes: Consumer Price Index, Baskets, Measurement Issues, Inflation, Interest Rates Long Run Growth: Economic Growth, Economic Productivity	Chapters 7 & 8
Week 4	Financial Systems: Savings, Investment, Loanable Funds Market, Financial Intermediaries	Chapter 9
Week 5	Midterm 1 - Tuesday Feb. 13	Chapters 1-9
Week 6	Aggregate Demand and Supply: Aggregate Supply, Aggregate Demand, AS-AD Model Income and Expenditure: Consumption Function, Investment, I-E Model	Chapters 10 & 11
Week 7	Fiscal Policy: Taxes, Multiplier, Long Run Fiscal Policy	Chapter 12
Week 8	Monetary System: Role of Money, Role of Banks, Money Multiplier, Money Supply, Federal Reserve	Chapter 13
Week 9	Monetary Policy: Demand for Money, Interest Rates, Prices in the Long Run	Chapter 14
Week 10	Midterm 2 - Thurs. March 22	Chapters 10-14

Week 11	Spring Break	
Week 12	Labor Markets: Unemployment, Business Cycles, Phillips Curve	Chapter 15
Week 13	Inflation: Money, Inflationary Effects	Chapter 16
Week 14	Historical Overview: Classical Economics, Keynesian Economics, Monetarism, Modern Thoughts International Trade: Comparative Advantage, Imports and Exports	Chapter 17 & 18
Week 15	Open Economy Macro: Balance of Payments, Exchange Rates	Chapter 19
Week 16	Final Exam - Sat. May 5 10:30-1:00 p.m. in	