

# Econ 0200, Introductory Economics: Macro Summer 2025

## Syllabus

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**Class Schedule:** MTWRF 5:15 - 7pm EDT

**Office Hours:** TBA

## Course Description

This course is an introduction to economic analysis and its applications to the macroeconomy. We begin with the definitions, measurement, and importance of gross domestic product, inflation, and unemployment – popular “headline” statistics used to summarize the state of the economy. Next, we study what determines the level and growth of these aggregates in the long-run. We then move onto elements of monetary and fiscal policy, studying what tools policymakers have at their disposal and how they affect the long-run of the economy. After that, we move onto short-run of the economy, studying what causes short run fluctuations (i.e. recessions and expansions) and how macroeconomic policy affects them. Finally, we move onto topics in open economies and international trade.

## Prerequisites

The only prerequisite for the course is Econ 0100: Introduction to Microeconomics.

## Textbook and Online Learning System

We will be using Principles of Macroeconomics (9th edition, ISBN 9780357133491) by N. Gregory Mankiw. To access the textbook, you’ll need to sign up for the online learning system Mindtap/Cengage. This will give you access to an electronic copy of the textbook, as well as a lot of practice questions.

## Grading

Final grade in the course will be determined by:

- Participation: 10%
- Homework: 15%
- Exam 1: 25%
- Exam 2: 25%

- Exam 3: 25%

The mapping from points to letter grades will be as follows:

	A: > 93	A-: [90,93)
B+: [87, 90)	B: [83,87)	B-: [80, 83)
C+: [77, 80)	C: [73, 77)	C-: [70, 73)
D+: [67, 70)	D: [63, 67)	D-: [60, 63)
	F: < 60	

## Participation

Economics is a *social* science, and learning economics is a social act. It's not enough to memorize facts and definitions, you need to conduct your own analysis of the economy and form your own opinions. Each week there will be a short written assignment (due dates TBD), where you'll share your thoughts on the course material and current macroeconomic events. Each will count for 2 of your 10 participation points.

## Homework

There will be 4 written homework assignments due on Mondays starting week 2. These are intended to prepare you for the exam as well as deepen your understanding of the material. Only the highest 3 scores will be counted to your final grade – the lowest will be dropped. Each (counted) homework will count for 5 of your 15 homework points.

## Exams

There will be three exams in this course:

- Exam 1, July 17: covering chapters 10, 11, and 15 (Measurement)
- Exam 2, July 31: covering chapters 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 (Long-run)
- Exam 3, August 8: covering chapters 20, 21, 22 (Short-run)

Each exam will be written open response questions. They'll be during the regular lecture time, released at 5:15pm and due at 7pm. They are open note/book/internet, but any collaboration with any other person is forbidden.

## Plan for the Course

This is a *tentative* plan for the course. We'll revise dates and topics as necessary throughout the summer.

We're covering a lot of material in a short amount of time. Therefore, it's important that you do the readings for each lecture *ahead* of time, so you can clear up anything you don't understand during class.

Week	Topics / Chapters Covered	Important Dates
Week 0 (July 3 - 4)	What is macroeconomics? Ch. 1, 2	July 3: First day July 4: No classes
Week 1 (July 7 - 11)	Measuring output, inflation, and unemployment Ch. 10, 11, 15	
Week 2 (July 14 - 18)	The economy in the long run Ch. 12, 13, 14	July 14: HW 1 due July 17: Exam 1
Week 3 (July 21 - 25)	Monetary and fiscal policy Ch. 16, 17, 23	July 21: HW 2 due
Week 4 (July 28 - Aug. 1)	The economy in the short run Ch. 20, 21, 22	July 28: HW 3 due July 31: Exam 2
Week 5 (Aug. 4 - 8)	Open economies, trade Ch. 18, 19	August 4: HW 4 due August 7: Exam 3 August 8: Last day