

Economics 102: Principles of Macroeconomics: Section 1

Course Information

Class Meeting Time: MTWRF 8:40-9:40; May 18-July 10, 2009
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Course website:

<http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ102/tong-wang/>

Visit the course website regularly for updated announcements, lecture notes, assignments, grades, and other posted information. Let me know as soon as possible if you are unable to access any of the web components of the course.

Textbook:

Principles of Macroeconomics by Robert Frank and Ben Bernanke, 4th edition

Purpose:

Economics 102 is the basic introduction to macro economics that must be taken by every prospective economics major. Economics 102 is also taken by many other students as a distribution requirement, as a requirement in some other fields and schools, and just because it is an interesting course about the real world out there. Please note that there are no prerequisites for Economics 102. The primary goals of this course are to familiarize students with the principles of modern macroeconomics, to help students learn to apply these concepts to a variety of economic questions and issues, and to familiarize students with some of the empirical characteristics of the U.S economy as well as the economies of other countries. The lectures will provide real-world examples to motivate the textbook material; will help you figure out what is important. Students are responsible for the material covered in the assigned chapters of the textbook as well as the material covered in class.

Requirements:

Evaluation will be based on 5 homework assignments (20%), 2 midterm exams (25% each), and a final exam (30%). Homework will be posted on the class website on the following date: May 22nd, May 29th, June 12th, June 19th and July 1st. Homework problem sets are due one week after they are assigned. Problem sets that are turned in late will receive a grade of zero without exception. The midterm exams are a mix of multiple choice questions and short problems. Dates for the midterms are Friday, June 5th and Wednesday, June 24th. All exams will take place in the regular classroom unless otherwise announced (in class or on the course website). **There are no make up exams.** If you miss a midterm for valid reasons, you should let me know as soon as possible and I will apply the weight from that midterm to the final exam upon the receipt of the appropriate documentation. The final exam date is Friday, July 10th.

Disability Statement:

If you have a disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to the Disability Resources (DR) office, located on the main floor of the Student Services Building, Room 1076, 515-294-6624.

Classroom Etiquette:

Please be considerate to those around you. Keep in mind the following:

- Turn off cell phones before the lecture starts.
- If you need to use laptop in class, please sit at back rows of the classroom since the laptop is very distracting.
- If you need to leave early, sit near the door.
- Do not read newspapers during lectures as it is distracting.
- Please wait until lecture ends before gathering your belongings.

Academic Dishonesty

The following is from the Office of Judicial Affairs and will be enforced in this course. “Academic Misconduct in any form is in violation of Iowa State University Student Disciplinary Regulations and will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: copying or sharing answers on tests or assignments, plagiarism, and having someone else do your academic work. Depending on the act, a student could receive an F grade on the test/assignment, F grade for the course, and could be suspended or expelled from the University. See the Conduct Code at <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/ja> for more details and a full explanation of the Academic Misconduct policies.”