

Syllabus for Principles of Macroeconomics

Objectives of the Course

The primary goal of this course is to teach students the fundamental principles and methods of modern macroeconomic theory. The secondary goal of this course is to illustrate the usefulness of these principles and methods for thinking about macroeconomic problems in real life.

Required Texts and Lecture Notes

Students are required to purchase the following book (available in the university bookstore):

- *Macroeconomics*, seventh Edition, author: Gregory Mankiw, publisher: Worth (2009).

Students are responsible for reading the assigned chapters, including all appendices, as they are covered in class. In addition to the text book, Professor Wang will post his lecture notes on the web at <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ102/wang/>, usually right after the relevant material is taught.

Grading

Final grades will be determined by the student's performance on approximately 6 problem sets (20% of the course grade), two midterm exams (20% each), and a final exam (40%).

Dates of the midterm exams will be announced. The final exam will take place during the final examination period. Makeup examinations will be given only in the event of (documented) family or medical emergencies.

Completed problem sets are usually due one week after they are handed out. Problem sets that are turned in late will receive a grade of zero *without exception*.

Students may work together when solving problem sets, but final answers must be written in your own words. Blatant copying of another student's work will not receive credit. In addition, answers to questions on problem sets should be neat and clear and be written in good English. Sloppy and/or obscure answers will not receive full credit.

Office Hours

Professor Wang will hold weekly office hours from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Fridays and by appointment at other times. His office is located at: Heady Hall room 469, phone: 294-1535, email: chewang@econ.iastate.edu. The best way to make appointments with Professor Wang is by email. The teaching assistants will hold weekly office hours at times to be announced later.