

Rutgers University
INTRO TO MACROECONOMICS
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Campus LIV – Spring 2014 220:103 Sec. 05
Tues. & Thurs Beck Aud. 6:40 -8:00 P.M.
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Learning Goals for Economics Majors
See the Department website at the following:

<http://economics.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/courses-and-syllabi/learning-goals>

Goals Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory

Students who satisfactorily complete Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory will understand and be able to articulate the core principles, concepts and theories of modern macroeconomics (the basic aggregate demand and supply model, the multiplier, the Keynesian, Classical and Monetarist models, the open-economy macro model, neo-classical and new growth theory, etc). Students will begin to develop the ability to interpret and analyze economic data such as aggregate output, inflation, unemployment and growth rates. Through lectures, discussions, assignments and readings students will become familiar with the theoretical framework of macroeconomics and learn to apply it to the analysis of macroeconomic policy issues.

Add/Drop and W dates:

- Last Day for Undergraduates to Drop a Course Without a “W” will be Tuesday, January 28 (and there are no refunds after Jan. 28)
- Last Day for Undergraduates to Add a Course will be Wednesday, January 29
- Absolute last day to drop a course by withdrawal will be March 24. Traditional students MUST maintain a minimum load of 12 credits not including the course they are withdrawing from.

The following is a course outline which is subject to change.

My Office Hours:TBA

N.J. Hall Room 104 Ph. (848)932–8108 Thurs. 11:00-12:00

LRC: Tillett Hall Room 111 Ph. (848) 445-0986 Tues. and Thurs. 3:30-4:30

And by appointment

Announcements: always check Sakai.Rutgers.edu for any announcements

ATTENDANCE

I. My policy regarding attendance at regular classes is as follows:

I do not take attendance, and I do not count attendance towards your grade. Since a thorough understanding of my lectures is crucial to your performance on the exams, and therefore your grades, cutting class will be a serious mistake. If you should miss a class you are expected to obtain the missed material from a student who was at class. You are responsible for all material even that covered when you miss class. You are adults now and you are expected to conduct yourself as such and attend class. I do not require students to contact me or report absences if they are going to miss a regular class.

Note: Exams and quizzes are not regular classes and the above rules do not apply.

II. My policy regarding attendance at exams is as follows:

There are “No” makeup exams or quizzes.

If a truly extreme situation arises, you “Must contact me directly” using both my RCI e-mail address and office phone. This must be done immediately. I must agree the reason was extreme enough to miss the exam and verification of your situation will be required. Otherwise, you will receive a grade of 0 for any exams or quizzes missed.

III. What if a student must miss a week or more of classes due to prolonged illness etc.

If a student has a prolonged illness or prolonged emergency situation and will miss a week or more of regular classes, and only if you will miss a week or more of classes, the student is to use the university absence reporting website <http://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> to indicate the dates and reason for your absence. In addition you must see the Dean of students for assistance and obtain verification of your situation. You do not need to report an occasional absence from regular class or see a dean.

Questions Regarding the Course Material:

If you have any questions regarding the course material you are urged to go to the Discussion Board (which is subdivided according to topic) at Sakai.Rutgers.edu. Once you have accessed the board look for answers which may have already have been posted in reply to other students questions. If the question has not already been posted and answered then post your question. This is available to all students registered for the course and all students are encouraged to use the discussion board to submit questions and discuss the material. The T.A.s will be monitoring the Discussion board on a regular basis. For any remaining questions then see one of the T.A.s during their office hours or see me.

Office Hours T.A.'s

The T.A.'s will be available during their office hours to answer any remaining questions regarding the course material. The T.A.'s office hours are set up specifically for the students in the class. In addition any questions regarding the grading of an exam should be taken to the T.A. Under no circumstances are questions regarding the material to be e-mailed to the T.A.s

T.A.'S

1) Yang Li NJ Hall Rm 421 ygli@econ.rutgers.edu Tues 9:30-11:00 AM and Thurs. 3:00-4:30 PM and by appointment

2.) Dean Jens NJ Hall Rm 408 djens@econ.rutgers.edu Wed. 3:00-4:30 and by appointment.

Contacting Dr. Clare

If you need to speak with me the number in my office in N.J. Hall is: (732) 932-8108 If I am not in leave your name and number (slowly and distinctly) on the answering machine and I will return your call as soon as I am able. If an **“emergency”** arises and I am not in and you need to get a message to me leave a message on the machine and also send an e-mail. gclare@rci.rutgers.edu

E-Mail When using e-mail always include the course and number in the subject space (ex: IntroMacro103) this way I know it is from a student and in which class, otherwise it could be deleted by mistake as junk mail.

When e-mailing me you must remember the following:

1) The university does **not** want the faculty to **discuss grades in e-mail**. You must speak to me or the T.A. in person or on the phone. 2) I will **not** explain course material in e-mails. If you do not understand something you should go to the message board or make use of the T.A.'s office hours or make an appointment with them. If you still need to speak with me in person then see me during my office hours, before or after class or by appointment.

3) If you need information from the syllabus and have lost it, download another copy from the website. E-mail is never a substitute for the syllabus.

Text Required: 1) Macro-Economic Analysis by William McEachern, Robert Hall and Marc Lieberman. Publisher – Cengage Learning. **ISBN:** 9781133151906
NOTE: (This is a custom book which includes the relevant chapters from the text and study guide).

Reserve: 1) Selected segments of various chapters from Contemporary Economics by Spencer/Amos 8th
2.) Selected pages from Chapters 11 and 13 of International Economics 2nd by Sawyer and Sprinkle Publisher - Pearson/Prentice Hall

Both on electronic reserve at the library

Additional Reading: From time to time additional readings may be put on reserve if it is felt they are relevant to the course.

Homework: You are expected to do the questions in the study guide as we progress through the course. You will also be given additional questions which you are expected to do. These questions are not a substitute for the study guide. They are not a substitute for class attendance. Do not limit your studying to only these questions. These questions are given to you as an additional study aid and can be found on the **Sakai** site for the course.

Make-up Exams:

There are “No” makeup exams or quizzes.

If a truly extreme situation arises, you “Must contact me directly” using both my RCI e-mail address and office phone. This must be done immediately. I must agree the reason was extreme enough to miss the exam and verification of your situation will be required. Otherwise, you will receive a grade of 0 for any exams or quizzes missed.

Grade: Final grade is based on three hourly exams each of which is 30% of your grade and a short ½ hour quiz which is 10% of your grade. The ½ hourly quiz will be given during the last day of class.

Grade ranges are as follows:

90 and above = A, 85-89.999etc = B+, 80-84.999etc = B, 75-79.999etc = C+,
70 -74.999etc = C, 60 - 69.999etc = D, below 60 is F.

Questions regarding exam results.

Your score on each exam and quiz will be posted to Sakai. The T.A.’s will have your actual results and you must go to them to see which questions you had wrong. Any concerns regarding the results must be raised before your next exam or quiz in order for any redress to occur.

Notice:

You must take all exams and quizzes with the section for which you are registered

Lowering of Grades:

Sometimes students request a grade be lowered to F once they see they have received a D in the course. We are not allowed to lower final grades. Once a student has taken all tests or accumulated enough points for a D they are committed. If they do not wish to risk a D and want an F they should notify the professor in writing and then not take the last test or stop before they have earned enough points to give them a D.

Economics Majors and Minors: a grade of C or better is needed.

Extra Credit Work: Extra credit work is “**Not**” accepted.

Cell phones etc.: Text messaging, and talking on cell phones is not permitted during class. Cell phones and all such devices are not to be out during class.

Recording of lectures: The recording of lectures is not permitted.

Student Conduct and Academic Integrity: The following are the links for the university’s policies regarding student conduct and academic integrity.

Academic integrity: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/about-the-office-of-student-conduct>

Prerequisite: Precalculus 640:111 or 115 or placement into Calculus 640:135

PART I

A.) **Economics and Capitalism**

Spencer: Intro. & Chap 1 pages (2, 3, 6, 7, 20-23, 27, 30-37)

B.) **Review Supply & Demand**

Text: Chap 4

C.) **Public Sector**

Spencer: Chap 4

D. **National Income**

Text: Chap 7 pp (142-145, 148-156)

E. **HOURLY EXAM I (Feb. 18)**

PART II

A. **Business Cycles and Introduction to Classical vs. Keynes**

Text: Chap 5, Chap. 8

Spencer: Chap 7 pages (157-161), Chap. 13 pages (293-295, 300-303)

B.) **Classical**

Hall & Lieberman: Chap 7

- C.) Keynes, Consumption, Investment and Government
Text: Chap 7 pp (145-148), Chap 9
- D.) Aggregate Expenditure & Demand
Text: Chap 10 and Appendix B
- E.) Aggregate Supply
Text: Chap 11
- F.) **HOURLY EXAM II (March 13)**

PART III

- A.) Fiscal Policy
Text: Chap 12 pages (251-258)
- B.) Money and the Federal Reserve
Text: Chap 14
- C.) Expansion & Contraction of the Money Supply
Text: Chap 15
Spencer: Chap 11 pages (247-253)
- D.) **HOURLY EXAM III (April 10)**

PART IV

- A.) Monetary Policy and Review of the difference between Classical, Keynes, Monetarists and New Classical schools regarding use of Monetary and Fiscal policy.
Text: Chaps 16 & 12 and Refer back to Hall and Lieberman for Classical School
- B.) The Open Economy
Refer back to Text: Chapter 12 and its appendix
Sawyer and Sprinkle: Chap 11 pp (266-271) for Balance of payments information and Chap 13 pp (299-311) for Exchange rates
- C.) Productivity and growth
Text: Chap 6
- C.) **HALF HOURLY QUIZ (Last day of class May 1, 20-30 min max.)**