

**ECON E202**  
**Introduction to**  
**Macroeconomics**  
**Fall 2008**



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**COURSE PREREQUISITES:** E201 or equivalent.

(NOTE: Under the policies of the School, prerequisites will be strictly enforced.)

**TEXTS:** 1. Macroeconomics, Roger A. Arnold, 8th edition (2008)  
2. Study Guide, Roger A. Arnold, 8th edition (2008)

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Growth cycles, unemployment, and inflation are central issues in macroeconomics. In this class, the students will learn:

1. A framework within which these central macro issues are measured and observed overtime.
2. How major schools of economic thoughts have approached macroeconomic problems and suggested remedies.
3. Kinds of consensus that have formed over time on the functional relationships between macroeconomic variables based on experience and empiricism.
4. How government is trying to stabilize the macro economy through fiscal and monetary policies and simultaneously adjust for the challenges of the global economy.

## TOPICAL OUTLINE

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Topic	Assignment
Introduction	Lecture
Circular Flow Model and an Overview of the Economy	Lecture
Determinants of Demand and Supply and their application to Macroeconomics	Chapter 3 and Selected Topics from Chapter 4
Measuring Inflation and Unemployment	Chapter 5
National Income Accounting and Growth	Chapter 6
Aggregate Demand	Chapter 7 up to page 162
Exam one	
Short and Long-Run Aggregate Supply, and Macro-Economy Equilibrium	Chapter 7
Classical Self-Regulating Model	Chapter 8
Keynesian Skepticism & the Multiplier Model	Chapter 9
Fiscal Policy and Budgetary Issues	Chapter 10
Money and Banking	Chapter 11
Exam two	
The Federal Reserve System	Chapter 12
Money, Monetarism and the Economy	Chapter 13
Monetary Policy and the Fed	Chapter 14
Economic Growth	Chapter 16
Globalization (if time permits)	Chapter 19
Final (semi-comprehensive)	

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# Examinations and Grading Procedures

Your course grade will depend upon three examinations and your class/group participation as follows:

Two (2) exams, each.....	30%
One semi-comprehensive final exam.....	30%
Group participation and class discussions.....	10%

Each exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions worth 2 points each. Final grades will be determined according to the standard university scale (i.e., 90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, and so forth).

Make-up exams will be arranged only under extraordinary circumstances. Make-up exams are given at my discretion and may be essay exams to be taken **prior to** the next scheduled exam.

Exam questions are designed to test your **understanding** of the economic concepts and principles presented in class. Success in this class will be primarily a function of understanding, **not memorization!** The exams will require more than recall—they will also require application and analysis. Economics is often described as a way of thinking, and success in this course requires such thinking. Group learning activities and class discussions are designed to aid you in accomplishing this task; i.e., to help you **think and apply like an economist**

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## Additional Information

1. The topical outline presented in this syllabus is my estimate of how the course will proceed. Should we proceed other than estimated, course content and exam coverage will be appropriately adjusted.
2. Textbook reading assignments are a good source of preparation for class lectures, discussions, and activities. Good notes are in part a product of proper preparation. Since no textbook is without errors, read the text carefully. Feel free to ask me about anything in the text, which seems confusing and/or erroneous.
3. Feel free to ask questions about the material presented in class and/or the textbook.
4. Specific assignments will be given to you for in-class group learning activities.
5. If you have or acquire a disability and would like to find out what special services and

accommodations may be available to you, contact Services for Students with Disabilities in Walb Union Rooms 118 and 125 (260-481-6657, voice/TTY).

6. Class attendance is mandatory. Points will be deducted for absenteeism.
7. The dates and coverage of each examination will be announced at least one week in advance.
8. Office hours are on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:00 noon; other times available by appointment.
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