

Principles of Economics: Micro EC142-C Course Syllabus, Spring 2020
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Time: TR 11:30am – 12:45pm

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Materials/Text Book (required): Miller, Economics Today: The Macro View 19th edition. This course also requires a non-graphing, scientific calculator to be used during exams.

Course Objective: Develop and use economic tools and intuition to investigate and understand the national economy and the relevance of economics in the world around us. Topics include measuring the economy, unemployment, inflation, fiscal and monetary policy, and world trade.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken and documented on Canvas. Regular class attendance is mandatory and is essential in order to learn the material of this course. You are responsible for all material presented in class, whether you are present or not. After your second absence, your final homework grade will be reduced by 10% per absence. To avoid distracting others it is requested to be in the class on time and not leave it before it is ended.

Grading: The entire grade for the course will be weighted as follows: Homework (10%), Quizzes (15%), Exam 1 (25%), Exam 2 (25%), Final Exam (25%).

Final Grades will be based on the following guidelines:

A: 93 A-: 90 B+: 87 B: 83 B-: 80 C+: 77 C: 73 C-: 70 D+: 67 D: 63 D-: 60 F: below 60

Schedule: The following dates are tentative and subject to change, but plan on the following:
Exam 1 (Th Feb 20th), Exam 2 (Th Apr 2nd), Final (Sat May 2nd 1pm).

Exams: All exams are closed book. **The final exam is cumulative.** Students who wish to appeal an exam grade must do so within 24 hours of the time the graded exam is returned and need to ask for an appointment with me to discuss the issue. Make-up exams will not be provided. If an exam is missed, students must provide sufficient evidence/documentation that his or her absence is excusable. If you know ahead of time that you will be missing an exam, notice must be provided one week in advance of the scheduled exam date. In such approved circumstances, 12.5% will be added to the grade weight of the other exam and 12.5% will be added to the grade weight of the final exam. Missing two scheduled exams will result in an F for the course.

Quizzes: Starting the week of January 28th students should expect to take an online quiz once a week. The quizzes will be administered on MyEconLab, will be completed anytime from Monday to Thursday's start of class, and will cover material from previous class lectures. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped so students will not have an opportunity to make up a missed quiz.

Participation/Current Events: Once a week students need to come to class ready to describe to the class a recent article from a print or online publication (NY Times, ESPN.com, etc.) relating to economics. The article assignment will be provided by me on Canvas (due dates will be defined during class, but will likely occur every Tuesday starting January 28th). The student should summarize the content of the article and describe to the class how it relates to economics and/or any specific recent class material.

The class will have a short discussion regarding the articles where participation may be required. I will call on students randomly each week. If you are not present or didn't read the article and can't provide the above information, your final homework grade in the class will be reduced by 10%. Assigned readings are part of the material that will be covered on quizzes and exams.

Homework: Homework will be assigned, collected, and graded on MyEconLab. Doing the homework problems will help you on the exams and quizzes.

Course Topics: Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

Ch 1 & 2: Microeconomics Review

Ch 8: Measuring the Economy - GDP

Ch 7: Unemployment and Inflation

Ch 3 & 4: Supply and Demand Review

Ch 5, 6, and 14: Government Spending, Taxes, Debt/Deficit

Ch 10-13: Fiscal Policy

Ch 15-16: Monetary Policy

Ch 17: Stabilization and Policy Making

Ch 32: Trade

Ch 33: Exchange Rates

Ch 9 & 18: Global Economic Growth and Development

Other topics may be covered as time permits.

Accessibility and Accommodations:

Saint Anselm College is committed to meeting the needs of students with documented physical, sensory, psychiatric, and learning disabilities. To disclose a disability and request accommodations, please see Kenneth Walker in the Academic Resource Center (ARC), who will assist you in making contact with faculty members, and arranging support services and accommodations available within the ARC and elsewhere. To ensure that accommodations are arranged in a timely manner, you are encouraged to make your request at the beginning of each semester.

For questions concerning support services, documentation guidelines, or disability:

Academic Resource Center (ARC)

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For additional information on documentation guidelines:

<https://www.anselm.edu/academics/academic-resources/disability-services>

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism: Cheating will NOT be tolerated. Group studying and working on homework in groups is encouraged; however, directly copying other's work is plagiarism. Academic misconduct in any form will be reported and punished accordingly.