

Spring 2014 EconS 102 Section 02

Fundamentals of Macroeconomics

MWF 1:10 – 2:00 pm in JSNH C107

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Required Materials

- **ACCESS TO ECONPORTAL** for Macroeconomics, 3rd edition, by Paul Krugman and Robin Wells (KW). Worth Publishers, 2010.
- **ACCESS to NetTutor** for writing assignments. Access can be purchased in a packet with EconPortal at the Bookie, or separately through their website. Please see directions for signing up for NetTutor on Angel.
- ****optional** i-Clicker** (1 or 2) used to answer questions in class. Answering these questions is a means of gaining extra credit points towards your final grade.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class and participate in class activities. Students are also expected to complete online assignments in a timely manner. Because homework, pre-lecture exercises, and writing assignments are available for long periods until their respective cutoff dates, work cannot be submitted or accepted after the cutoff date for each assignment. Failure to submit an assignment or take an exam will result in a score of zero. However, your lowest test grade of the first three exams and your lowest homework score will be dropped. The final exam is required. No extensions or make-ups will be allowed for remaining assignments. In the event of a serious medical excuse or other serious problems, exceptions to this no makeup policy will be considered following university policies.

You must REGISTER your iClicker on their site using your WSU Angel User ID in order get credit for clicker questions. Answering clicker questions will give you extra credit points that will contribute toward your final grade in the course.

Exams

A total of four separate exams will be administered through the semester, including the final exam. One and only one of the first three exam scores (the lowest) will be dropped and will not count toward your final grade. Exams cannot be taken late under any circumstance. However, for official university excused absences that will occur in the future, you may take the exam early (prior to the absence). If for any unexcused reason (illness, wedding, emergency, forgot, etc) you miss one of the first three exams, you will receive a zero on that exam and it will count as your one dropped exam. Missing more than one of the first three exams will result in a zero for an exam that will count toward your final grade. It is unwise to use your one free drop by missing an exam if you have any choice. Instead, take and do your best on all exams.

The final exam is **REQUIRED** and not optional under any circumstances. The time for the final is scheduled for **Thursday, May 8, 2013 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, room to be announced**

by the university and there are NO EXCEPTIONS for the time, except for extreme circumstances. Please schedule your end of the semester plans accordingly (Do not make any travel plans, wedding plans, etc that would cause you to miss the exam time. These will not be valid excuses).

Assignments

Learning Curve Assignments. Before a new chapter is covered in class, a learning curve assignment is usually due in EconPortal. Always check EconPortal for the exact due date and time. It is important to start the quizzes with plenty of time to complete them before they are due to avoid the possibility of technical difficulties or other possible problems. It is best to study the chapter material before completing the learning curve assignment.

The exercises are based upon completion. The exercises will continue to ask you questions, giving hints if necessary, until you correctly answer enough questions. As long as you keep working on these exercises you cannot fail to get full points. The only way to fail to get full points is to run out of time by not finishing before the due date. It is very important to use an EconPortal supported web browser to complete EconPortal assignments. Failure to do so can result in technical difficulties and the possibility of EconPortal failing to record your score.

Homework Assignments. These assignments are completed in EconPortal. Always check EconPortal for the exact due date and time. Late homework will not be accepted. However, ONE of your lowest homework scores will not count toward your grade. Homework will be due at 11:55 pm on their due date. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignments. If you do, a technical difficulty may prevent you from submitting before the cutoff time. You are allowed to submit the assignment for grading up to three times and your grade for the assignment will be the highest score of the three attempts. NOTE: If you decide to resubmit an assignment you will need to re-answer all of the questions on the homework.

Writing Assignments. There will be four writing assignments during the course of the semester. The writing assignments will be submitted electronically to NetTutor, the assignments are not to be submitted to the instructor or the teaching assistant. The assignment details will be available on Angel. Writing assignments are graded as “Meets Expectations” for 20 points, or “Needs Improvement” for 12 points, or not turned in for zero points. If a student wishes to revise an assignment that received a “Needs Improvement” score, you have one week after receiving feedback of your score from NetTutor to try for a “Meets Expectations.” Only one revision attempt is allowed. More instructions about how NetTutor works will be forthcoming with the first writing assignment. Your lowest writing assignment score will not count towards your final grade.

Clicker Questions. There is no way to make-up lost clicker question points. Three questions will generally be asked each lecture (except reviews). It is your responsibility to make sure you can earn these points by not forgetting your iClicker or allowing your iClicker battery to die. If you forget/lose your iClicker or its batteries die, then you will miss the clicker question points even if you are in class. Please plan ahead.

Grading

Grades will be determined as follows:

Over 930 points	A
900-929 points	A-
870-899 points	B+
830-869 points	B
800-829 points	B-
770-799 points	C+
730-769 points	C
700-729 points	C-
670-699 points	D+
600-669 points	D
Below 600 points	F

A breakdown of the points for the course is shown below

Assignment	Points	Percent of Total Grade
Learning Curves	60	6%
15 Highest Homework	225	22.5%
3 Highest Writing Assignments	60	6%
Highest Mid-term Exam	215	21.5%

2 nd Highest Mid-term Exam	215	21.5%
Final Exam	225	22.5%
Clicker Questions**	50**	-
TOTALS	1000	100%

**Clicker questions are extra credit and are added onto the total points at the end of the semester.

WSU Academic Honesty Statement

As an institution of higher education, Washington State University is committed to principles of truth and academic honesty. All members of the University community share the responsibility for maintaining and supporting these principles. When a student enrolls in Washington State University, the student assumes an obligation to pursue academic endeavors in a manner consistent with the standards of academic integrity adopted by the University. To maintain the academic integrity of the community, the University cannot tolerate acts of academic dishonesty including any forms of cheating, plagiarism, or fabrication.

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the university and will be strongly enforced in this course. Each student must turn in original work; no copying will be accepted. Any student caught cheating on any assignment or exam will be given an F grade for the course, will not have the option to withdraw from the course, and will be reported to the Office of Student Standards and Accountability. Cheating is defined in the Standards for Student Conduct WAC 504-26-010 (3). It is strongly suggested that every student read and understand these definitions: <http://conduct.wsu.edu/default.asp?PageID=338>. The Academic Integrity Statement and link to WSU's policy at this website: www.conduct.wsu.edu/default.asp?PageID=343, and an explanation of plagiarism at this one: www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/plagiarism/main.html.

Students with Disabilities

Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and may need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please visit the Access Center. All accommodations MUST be approved through the Access Center (Washington Building Room 217). Please stop by or call 509-335-3417 to make an appointment with an Access Advisor. <http://drc.wsu.edu>

Safety Statement

Washington State University is committed to maintaining a safe environment for its students, faculty and staff. Safety is the responsibility of every member of the campus community and individuals should know the appropriate actions to take when an emergency arises. In support of our commitment to the safety of the campus community, the University has developed a Campus Safety Plan, <http://safetyplan.wsu.edu>. It is highly recommended that you visit this web site as well as the University emergency management web site, <http://oem.wsu.edu/emergencies> to become familiar with the information provided.

Course Outline

The schedule below including material covered and the due dates of the assignments are tentative and subject to possible change. Please see the Assignment Center on EconPortal for the most up-to-date and accurate due dates for assignments.

Week	Date	Lec#	Topic	Assignments Due
1	Mon Jan 13	1	Syllabus and First Principles	
	Wed Jan 15	2	Ch. 2 Appendix and Math Review	
	Fri Jan 17	3	Ch. 2 Production, resources, PPF, opportunity costs, specialization and trade.	

2	Mon Jan 20	-	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no class	
	Wed Jan 22	4	Ch. 2 Circular flow diagram	HW 1
				Syllabus HW
				LC 1
Fri Jan 24	5	Ch. 3 Markets – Demand & Supply	HW 2 (Ch 2)	



3	Mon Jan 27	6	Ch. 3 Markets – Demand & Supply	WA 1
	Wed Jan 29	7	Ch. 3 Competitive equilibrium, surplus and efficiency	LC 2 (Ch 3)
	Fri Jan 31	8	Ch. 4 Why government controls prices and price ceilings	HW 3 (Ch 2)
LC 3 (Ch 4)				



4	Mon Feb 3	9	Ch. 4 Price floors and quotas	HW 4 (Ch 3)
	Wed Feb 5	10	Ch. 7 National Accounts, nominal GDP and real GDP	HW 5 (Ch 4)
Fri Feb 7	11	Exam 1 – over material up through Feb 3		



5	Mon Feb 10	12	Ch. 7	
	Wed Feb 12	13	Ch. 7	LC 4 (Ch 7)
	Fri Feb 14	14	Ch. 8	LC 5 (Ch 8)



6	Mon Feb 17	16	President's Day – no class	
	Wed Feb 19	17	Ch. 8	
	Fri Feb 21	18	Ch. 9	LC 6 (Ch 9)
HW 6 (Ch 7)				

7	Mon Feb 24	19	Ch. 9	HW 7 (Ch 8)
				WA 2
	Wed Feb 26	20	Ch. 10	LC 7 (Ch 10)
	Fri Feb 28	21	Ch. 10	HW 8 (Ch 9)
8	Mon Mar 3	22	Ch. 10	
	Wed Mar 5	23	Ch. 11	LC 8 (Ch 11)
	Fri Mar 7	24	Ch. 11	WA3
				HW 9 (Ch 10)
9	Mon Mar 10	25	Ch. 12	LC 9 (Ch 12)
	Wed Mar 12	26	Ch. 12	HW 10 (Ch 11)
	Fri Mar 14	27	Exam 2 Chs 7,8,9,10,11,12	HW 11 (Ch 12)
10	Mon Mar 17		Spring break – no class	
	Wed Mar 19		Spring break – no class	
	Fri Mar 21		Spring break – no class	
11	Mon Mar 24	28	Ch. 13 Fiscal policy and the multiplier	LC 10 (Ch 13)
	Wed Mar 26	29	Ch. 13 Budget balance	
	Fri Mar 28	30	Ch. 13 Long-run implications of policy	
12	Mon Mar 31	31	Ch. 14 Money and the money supply	
				LC 11 (Ch 14)
	Wed Apr 2	32	Ch. 14 Assets, banking and the money supply	HW 12 (Ch 13)
	Fri Apr 4	33	Ch. 14 Federal reserve	
13	Mon Apr 7	34	Ch. 15 Demand for money and interest rates	
				LC 12 (Ch 15)
	Wed Apr 9	35	Ch. 15 Monetary policy and Long-run impacts	HW 13 (Ch 14)

	Fri Apr 11	36	Ch. 16 Money, inflation and disinflation	LC 13 (Ch 16)
14	Mon Apr 14	37	Ch. 16 Inflation and unemployment, deflation	HW 14 (Ch 15)
	Wed Apr 16	38	Ch. 5 International trade	LC 14 (Ch 5)
				HW 15 (Ch 16)
Fri Apr 18	39	Exam 3	WA 4	
15	Mon Apr 21	40	Ch. 5 Effects of trade protection	
	Wed Apr 23	41	Ch. 19 Capital flows, balance of payments and role of exchange	LC 15 (Ch 19)
	Fri Apr 25	42	Ch. 19 Exchange rates and policy	HW 16 (Ch 5)
16	Mon Apr 28	43	Review	HW 17 (Ch 19)
	Wed Apr 30	44	Review	
	Fri May 2	45	Review – last day of class	
17	Thu May 8		Final Exam 1:00pm – 3:00pm	