

Econ 110A: Macroeconomics
Syllabus
Fall 2007

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(For emails related to the course, please email me through Webct. This will help me keep course related emails organized, and prevent your email from getting zapped by a spam filter.)

Lectures: MWF 3:00 – 3:50 in Solis 104

Office hours: Monday 4-5:00, Thursday 2:30 – 3:30, or by appointment.

The course website is located on Webct: <http://webct6web.ucsd.edu>

I will use Webct to:

- post announcements
- post Powerpoint slides of the lectures
- respond to email.

If you are enrolled in the course, you should automatically be able to access the course on Webct. If for some reason you are unable to access the course, please see me within the first week of classes.

Text: Macroeconomics, by Olivier Blanchard
4th edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall

The custom edition available at the bookstore is a paperback with black and white illustrations (instead of color illustrations) and is cheaper than the hardcover edition. Either the custom edition or the hardback 4th edition can be used for the course.

Course requirements:

Two midterms:

Midterm 1: Friday, October 19, 2007

Midterm 2: Friday, November 9, 2007

Course average= $.25(\text{midterm 1}) + .25(\text{midterm 2}) + .5(\text{final})$

If you have a conflict with any of the exam times (midterms or final), please contact me within the first two weeks of class. If you miss a midterm for a legitimate reason that is approved by me in advance, I will put the weight of the missed midterm on the other exams. However, midterms that are missed without prior approval receive a score of zero.

Practice problem sets, and solutions, will be provided. The problem sets will not be turned in or graded, and therefore do not count in your course average. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend that you work through the problem sets (on your own or in study groups), to reinforce your command of the material.

Schedule of lectures:

Friday, Sept. 28: Chapter 1: Introduction

Monday, Oct. 1: Chapter 2: Measuring output, inflation, unemployment

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Chapter 3: The goods market

Friday, Oct. 5: Chapter 3, continued.

Monday, Oct. 8: Chapter 4: The financial markets

Wednesday, Oct. 10: Chapter 4, continued.

Friday, Oct. 12: Chapter 5: The IS-LM model

Monday, Oct. 15: Chapter 5, continued.

Wednesday, Oct. 17: Chapter 6: The labor market

Friday, Oct. 19: **Midterm on Chapters 1-5**

- Monday, Oct. 22: Chapter 6, continued.
Wednesday, Oct. 24: Chapter 7: The AS-AD model
Friday, Oct. 26: Chapter 7, continued.
- Monday, Oct. 29: Chapter 7, continued.
Wednesday, Oct. 31: Chapter 8: unemployment and the Phillips curve
Friday, Nov. 2: Chapter 8, continued.
- Monday, Nov. 5: Chapter 9: Inflation, output, and monetary policy
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Chapter 9, continued.
Friday, Nov. 9: **Midterm on Chapters 6-8**
- Monday, Nov. 12: **No class: Veterans Day**
Wednesday, Nov. 14: Chapter 9, continued.
Friday, Nov. 16: Chapter 10: The facts of growth
- Monday, Nov. 19: Chapter 11: Saving, capital accumulation, and growth
Wednesday, Nov. 21: Chapter 11, continued.
Friday, Nov. 23: **No class: Thanksgiving Holiday**
Monday, Nov. 26: Chapter 11, continued.
Wednesday, Nov. 28: Chapter 11, continued.
Friday, Nov. 30: Chapter 11, continued.
- Monday, Dec. 3: Chapter 12: Technological progress, wages, employment
Wednesday, Dec. 5: Chapter 12, continued.
Friday, Dec. 7: review and problem session
- Friday, Dec. 14, 3:00 – 6:00: **Final exam**