

Econ 110B
Macroeconomics B
M & W, 5:00 p.m.-7:50 p.m., CENTR 212

Summer session I, 2015
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1. Textbook: Macroeconomics, 3rd. ed., by Charles Jones. The textbook is placed on reserve in the library.

2. Course Description: This course is a continuation of Economics 110A. The course focuses on short-run macroeconomics and international economics. In addition, the course will study the Great recession and recent fiscal and monetary policies.

3. Prerequisite: ECON110A.

4. Topics to cover: Chapters 9-14 and 18-20 from the textbook.

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6. TA: Xu Zhang, xuz039@ucsd.edu, SH233

Office hours: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on M (July 6, July 20),

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on W (July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29),

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on F (July 31), and by appointment

Discussion Sections: 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. on Tu, CENTR 216

7. Ted Blackboard: Basic course materials (such as weekly lecture plans, exam information, lecture outlines/slides, economy update/current events, homework questions) will be posted. Students should check this course website regularly, and are expected to download and bring the course materials to class.

8. Grade: There will be two hourly exams and the final exam. The course grade depends on the weighted average, equal to 30% x the first hourly exam score + 30% x the second hourly exam score + 40% x the final exam score.

If the weighted average is in the top 25% of the class, the course grade will be A- or A. If in the top 60%, B- or better. If in the top 85%, C- or better. Otherwise D or F. However, if the weighted average is 70 or higher, the course grade will be C- or better.

Cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated, and will be handled according to the university policies.

9. Exams

(1) The exam schedule is as follows;

First Hourly Exam : 6:40 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., July 8, 2015 (Wednesday), CENTR 212

Second Hourly Exam : 6:40 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., July 22, 2015 (Wednesday), CENTR 212

Final Exam : 7:00 p.m. – 9:59 p.m., July 31, 2015 (Friday), location TBA

(2) The final exam is comprehensive (cumulative) and covers all the topics and material discussed throughout the session.

(3) If one does not take an hourly exam, and if one gives me a note stating the reasonable reasons, the unused weight will be added to the final exam. This rule does not apply to the final exam, and one must take the final exam to earn a grade.

(4) The style of exams: It will be similar to the style of homework questions. In particular, there will be both essay questions and multiple choice questions.

(5) You may be asked to move to another seat during or before an exam.

10. Homework: Homework questions will be assigned, but not be collected or graded. However, by way of a review, we will discuss homework questions in class. Exam questions will largely reflect homework questions and lecture discussion, and it is important to understand the ideas surrounding homework questions, and to understand how to solve homework questions.

11. Attendance: Attendance (at lectures or discussion sections) is not required. However, all exams will be based on lectures to a considerable extent, and students are strongly advised to attend.. In addition, this course is not an online course, and the course will be taught based on the assumption that students attend. As such, students should not expect to learn via email.

12. Equal access to information: all students have equal access to information on various issues such as the exams, grading rules, and lecture contents, etc. For instance, exam information will be discussed and announced in class, and some information will be posted on the course Blackboard. A student will not obtain the same information (such as which slides did you cover? How to study for an economy-update article?) or any additional information from me in person or via email or phone, regardless of whether the student has been absent from class or present.