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Elements of Economics 3
Macroeconomics

What causes growth? What causes recessions? Why can one word from Ben Bernanke send shudders through the stock market? This course will present material that will help you answer these types of questions.

Prerequisites: Economics 1 and an enthusiasm for current macroeconomic issues.

Required reading: Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke (2009), *Principles of Economics*, 4th edition, McGraw-Hill Irwin. There is a UCSD custom version of this textbook available at the UCSD Bookstore for $93.00. The custom is identical to the 4th edition in every way except that it has an indifference curve appendix, has a different cover, and is cheaper (the publisher's price for the textbook is $165). Although the topics covered in class will follow the text, the lectures will contain material not in the text. Thus, regular class attendance is very important. You should also become well informed about the current state of the U.S. economy.

Homework: You are required to use Aplia for homework.   Please see the next page for instructions.

Exams and Grades:
20%:   Homework (the lowest grade is automatically dropped)
20%:   Midterm 1 (Friday January 30)
20%:   Midterm 2 (Friday February 20)
40%:   Final (Friday March 20, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m..)

Office Hours: My office hours are Mondays 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. and Fridays 11:00-11:45 a.m. My office is Room 326 in the Economics Building.

Academic Honesty: You are required to turn in your own work, including homework, in this class.   Students who are suspected of violating the student conduct code, by collaborating on homework assignments, copying from others' exams, or using unauthorized materials, will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

Missed Exams: I do not give make-up midterms. Unless they were unconscious in the emergency room, students must contact me before the exam in order not to receive a zero. Only very special cases, such as a death in the family or medical emergency, are sufficient reasons to miss an exam. In those cases, I upweight the student's other scores in computing the course score.

Course Name: ECON 3: Principles of Macroeconomics, Ramey
W09
Start Date: 01/05/2009
Instructor: Valerie Ramey
Course Key: LD33-5AEW-RKAS

You can begin working on your homework as soon as you register!

- In this course, you will use a textbook and Aplia's website.

Registration

If you have <u>never</u> used Aplia before...

1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com.

2. Click the New Student link and enter your Course Key: **LD33-5AEW-RKAS**. Continue following the instructions to complete your registration.

If you <u>have used</u> Aplia before...

1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com.

2. Sign in with your usual e-mail address and password and enter your Course Key when prompted: **LD33-5AEW-RKAS**. If you are not prompted for a new Course Key, click the Enter Course Key button to enroll in a new Aplia course. Enter your Course Key when you are prompted.

* You will have different payment options after you register for your course. If you choose to pay later, you can use Aplia without paying until 11:59 PM on 01/24/2009.

Payment

Aplia Access

- **From Aplia:** Purchase access to your course from Aplia's website for $35.00 USD.

Topic Outline