



# Welcome to Principles of Macroeconomics!

ECON 3

# \*What is macroeconomics?

## \*In Ancient Greek:

- micro = small
- macro = large
- economia = management of the household or family

## \*In English:

- Microeconomics = the study of how individuals or small groups of people manage limited resources.
- Macroeconomics = the study of how large groups of people (i.e. whole economies) manage limited resources.

# Economics 3 – Principles of Macroeconomics, Winter 2016

Lectures: MWF Ledden Auditorium

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## REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE CLASS

1. The UCSD custom edition of Principles of Economics, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Frank, Robert H., Ben S. Bernanke, Kate Antonovics and Ori Heffetz (2015), *Principles of Economics*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill Irwin. There is a custom version of this textbook available at the UCSD Bookstore for \$106.67. This book is also used for Econ 1 and Econ 2. (Other editions are acceptable substitutes.)
2. A **nonprogrammable scientific calculator**. (Example, TI-30XA available online for \$9.)
3. **Materials** that will be posted on [ted.ucsd.edu](http://ted.ucsd.edu).

## **COURSE WEB PAGE:**

ted.ucsd.edu.

ALL course information, quizzes, and materials including a copy of this syllabus and the TAs' office hours and contact information are posted on the class web page.

There will also be a podcast available at:

<http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>

## Optional Material

McGraw-Hill LearnSmart

<https://connect.mheducation.com/class/v-ramey-winter-2016>

*Customer Support (students and instructors) 800 331 5094 FREE*

There is **no** credit given for doing LearnSmart. This extra resource is being made available to you in case you have already purchased the access code and want to use LearnSmart.

## Weekly Routine

1. **Before** coming to class, download partial lecture notes for taking notes during class (written or electronic).
2. **During** class, take notes, ask questions, participate in discussion.
3. **Attend** your assigned discussion section (but not the first week). Attendance is recommended, but not required.
4. **Complete** homework assignments on ted (typically one per week).
5. **Keep up** with the latest macroeconomic news.

# Grades

Item	Percent
<b>Homework (on ted)</b> - the lowest percent score is automatically dropped.	10%
<b>Midterm #1</b> Wed. Feb. 3	20%
<b>Midterm #2</b> Fri. Feb. 26	20%
<b>Final Exam (Cumulative, but with more emphasis on later material)</b>  10 -10:50 class: Fri. March 18, 8 - 11 am  11-11:50 class: Mon. March 14, 11:30-2:30pm	50%



# Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Integrity Coordinator. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course in addition to the penalties imposed by the Academic Integrity Review Board.

The following are just a few examples of academic dishonesty:

- Having another student complete an assignment for you or give you answers to specific questions (including homework).
- Using unauthorized materials during an exam.
- Looking at another student's answers during an exam.
- Having someone else take your exam for you.
- Lying about having taken an exam or completed an assignment.

For more information, go to: <http://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/excel-integrity/define-cheating/index.html>

## ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

1. If you need to miss a midterm for a verifiable medical/legal/sports reason, I will up-weight your grades on the other midterm and the final. Failure to notify me promptly that you must miss a midterm will result in a zero grade for that midterm. Unexcused absences will also result in a zero.
2. If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains as long as no one has turned in his/ her exam and left the room. Once a classmate has turned in his/her exam, you will earn a zero on the test if you arrive late.
3. UCSD has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please refer to Triton Link or contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245.

## *Topic Outline*

*Chapter 15: Spending, Income and GDP*

*Chapter 16: Inflation and the Price Level*

*Chapter 17: Wages and Unemployment*

*Chapter 18: Economic Growth*

*Chapter 19: Savings, Capital Formation, and Financial Markets*

*Chapter 20: Money, Prices, and the Financial System*

*Chapter 21: Short-Term Fluctuations*

*Chapter 22: Spending, Output, and Fiscal Policy*

*Chapter 23: Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve*

*Class Notes on Aggregate Demand and Prices (if time permits)*

*Chapter 26: Exchange Rates, International Trade, and Capital Flows*