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Office Hours: By appointment¹
Classroom: This is an online class with no physical meeting location.
Class Days/Time: NA
Prerequisites: A three-unit principles of microeconomics class, ECON 1A

1 University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](#).

2 Canvas

[Canvas](#) is the Learning Management System at SJSU. Please be sure you can log in and are receiving my announcements. Although I will be communicating with the class through Canvas, if you have an individual question for me, please email me directly.

3 Course Description

ECON 2A is an online one-unit introductory macroeconomics course. Topics include production and growth, unemployment, money and inflation, aggregate demand and aggregate supply, the influence

¹Email is my preferred form of communication.

of monetary and fiscal policy on aggregate demand, and the short-run trade-off between inflation and unemployment. To complete this course, each student is required to use Cengage's MindTap to have access to the online homework assignments. The class will not meet physically and announcements will be through Canvas. Please pay close attention to announcements and deadlines.

4 Course Learning Outcomes and Program Learning Objectives

This course fits into the following Department of Economics program learning objectives (PLO).

- PLO 1: Macroeconomics

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate the following:

- CLO 1: Explain core concepts in macroeconomics.
- CLO 2: Use macroeconomic models to examine, assess, and criticize policies, projects and other current events.

5 Required Texts/Readings

5.1 Primary Textbook

- Principles of Macroeconomics 8th Edition, N. Gregory Mankiw
ISBN-13: 978-1305971509 ISBN-10: 1305971507

6 Assignments and Grading Policy

This is a pass or fail course. To pass, you are required to

1. **Do all homework assignments**
and
2. **Achieve a cumulative score of 70% at the end of the semester**

This course may only be taken twice to achieve a passing grade.

6.1 Homework

There will be 17 homework assignments. Each homework assignment has varying number of questions/points and therefore weighted differently. Homework assignments, altogether, have 319 points. To achieve the passing score of 70% you must accumulate a minimum of 224 points over the semester. Starting from August 30th, homework assignments are due on Fridays 5:00 PM every week. For a detailed list of readings and corresponding assignments see Table 1.

6.2 MindTap

Be sure to acquaint yourself with the MindTap website and notice the specific due dates. Use this link to sign up for the course:

<https://www.cengage.com/dashboard//course-confirmation/MTPNJDFNLRV1/initial-course-confirmation>

Through the MindTap website you will get access to the interactive textbook, instructional videos, practice problems, and homework assignments. Deadlines are very important in this class. Starting from the second week of the semester, homework assignments are due every week on Fridays 5:00 PM.

7 Econ 2A Course Schedule and Readings

The chapter numbers are based on the online MindTap course. Therefore, the order of chapters is slightly different from the primary textbook (Mankiw's *Principals of Macroeconomics*, 8th edition).

Week	Dates	Topics & Readings	Homework Assignments
1	8/21, 8/23	Explore MindTap for Mankiw (Get Started) How to Do Homework Assignments (Get Started)	
2	8/26, 8/30	Ten Principles of Economics (Ch. 1) Thinking Like an Economist (Ch. 2)	Chapter 1 & Chapter 2 Due 8/30 by 5:00 PM
3	9/2, 9/6	Interdependence and the Gains from Trade& (Ch. 3) The Market Forces (Ch. 4)	Chapter 3 & Chapter 4 Due 9/6 by 5:00 PM
4	9/9, 9/13	Measuring a Nation's Income (Ch. 5)	Chapter 5 Due 9/13 by 5:00 PM
5	9/16, 9/20	Measuring the Cost of Living (Ch. 6)	Chapter 6 Due 9/20 by 5:00 PM
6	9/23, 9/27	Production and Growth (Ch. 7)	Chapter 7 Due 9/27 by 5:00 PM
7	9/30, 10/4	Saving, Investment, and the Financial System (Ch. 8)	Chapter 8 Due 10/4 by 5:00 PM
8	10/7, 10/11	The Basic Tools of Finance (Ch. 9)	Chapter 9 Due 10/11 by 5:00 PM
9	10/14, 10/18	Unemployment (Ch. 10)	Chapter 10 Due 10/18 by 5:00 PM
10	10/21, 10/25	The Monetary System (Ch. 11)	Chapter 11 Due 10/25 by 5:00 PM
11	10/28, 11/1	Money Growth and Inflation (Ch. 12)	Chapter 12 Due 11/1 by 5:00 PM
12	11/4, 11/8	Open-Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts (Ch. 13)	Chapter 13 Due 11/8 by 5:00 PM
13	11/11, 11/15	A Macroeconomic Theory of the Open Economy (Ch. 14)	Chapter 14 Due 11/15 by 5:00 PM
14	11/18, 11/22	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply (Ch. 15)	Chapter 15 Due 11/22 by 5:00 PM
15	11/25, 11/29	The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand (Ch. 16)	Chapter 16 Due 11/29 by 5:00 PM
16	12/2, 12/6	The Short-Run Trade-off between Inflation and Unemployment (Ch. 17)	Chapter 17 Due 12/6 by 5:00 PM

Table 1: Fall 2019 Course Schedule.