

**San José State University**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Course ID: 48043 ECON 1A, Section 60**  
**Fall 2020**

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| <b>Classroom:</b>         | Online  |
| <b>Online Course Key:</b> | <a href="https://www.cengage.com/dashboard/#/course-confirmation/MTPQNWLQQFRX/initial-course-confirmation">https://www.cengage.com/dashboard/#/course-confirmation/MTPQNWLQQFRX/initial-course-confirmation</a> |

### **Course Description**

Theory of aggregate demand and related topics in the international and national businesses, income accounting, employment and inflation, recession and depression, monetary and fiscal policies and business stability. Business growth and development; international trade and the balance of payments.

### **Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives**

Describe and summarize the dynamics of supply and demand and illustrate their relationship to market outcomes.

Examine and summarize the relationship between fiscal and monetary policy and show their effects on macroeconomic outcomes.

List and contrast the costs and benefits associated with international trade and examine how trade influences macroeconomic outcomes.

Define and interpret the political and social causes and effects of government policies and show how they influence the long-term solvency of a nation.

Describe and discuss the role of financial intermediaries and examine their role in facilitating commerce.

## Required Texts/Readings

### Textbook

Available online -

N. Gregory Mankiw

PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

8th Edition

## Classroom Protocol

Homework will be given weekly to prepare you for the mid-term and final examination. Late homework will NOT be accepted after the due date.

Regular class attendance is important directly because homework and class participation will count toward your grade, and indirectly in that class lectures will contain material that you will be responsible for, but that may not be covered in the text. Thus it is highly recommended that you attend class on a regular and consistent basis.

## Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc. [Information on add/drops are available at http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbggen/narr/soc-fall/rec-324.html](http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbggen/narr/soc-fall/rec-324.html) . [Information about late drop is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/sac/advising/latedrops/policy/](http://www.sjsu.edu/sac/advising/latedrops/policy/) . Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes.

## Assignments and Grading Policy

There will be one mid-term and a final exam. Exams will consist of a combination of quantitative, problem solving and essay questions. Examination blue books are not required for examinations. Make-up exams will be given, BUT will be in oral exam format.

Your final course grade will be determined by two intermediate exam (25%), final exam (30%) and your homework, attendance, and participation (20%).

## University Policies

### Academic integrity

Students should know that the University's [Academic Integrity Policy is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/download/judicial\\_affairs/Academic\\_Integrity\\_Policy\\_S07-2.pdf](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/download/judicial_affairs/Academic_Integrity_Policy_S07-2.pdf).

Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University and the University's integrity policy, require you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The website for [Student Conduct and Ethical Development is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial\\_affairs/index.html](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html).

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

**Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the DRC (Disability Resource Center) to establish a record of their disability.

## ECON 1A Fall 2020 Course Schedule

| Week            | Date         | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines   |
|-----------------|--------------|--|
| 1               | 08/16        | Introduction of Model Use; Economic Premises.  |
| 2               | 08/23        | Chapter 1: Ten Principles of Economics<br>Chapter 2: Thinking Like an Economist                  |
| 3               | 08/30        | Chapter 3: Interdependence and Gains from Trade<br><b><u>Last Day to Drop is 09-03-2020</u></b>  |
| 4               | 09/03        | Chapter 4: The Market Forces of Supply and Demand<br><b><u>Last Day to Add is 09/10/2020</u></b> |
| 5               | 09/13        | Chapter 5: Elasticity and Its Application<br>Chapter 6: Supply, Demand, and Govt Policies        |
| 6               | <b>09/20</b> | <b>Review and <u>Mid-Term 1 on 09-25-2020</u></b>  |
| 7               | 09/27        | Chapter 8: The Costs of Taxation<br>Chapter 10: Measuring a Nation's Income                      |
| 8               | 10/04        | Chapter 11: Measuring the Cost of Living   |
| 9               | 10/11        | Chapter 12: Production and Growth  |
| 10              | <b>10/18</b> | <b>Review and <u>Mid-Term 2 on 10-23-2020</u></b>  |
| 11              | 10/25        | Chapter 13: Savings, Investments, and the Financial System                                       |
| 12              | 11/01        | Chapter 14: The Basic Tools of Finance   |
| 13              | 11/08        | Review for mid-term 3  |
| 14              | <b>11/15</b> | <b><u>Mid-Term 3 on 11-20-2020</u></b>   |
| 15              | 11/22        | Chapter 16: The Monetary System<br>Chapter 21: The Influence of Monetary & Fiscal Policy on AD   |
| 16              | 11/29        | Chapter 22: The Short-Run Trade-off between  |
| 17              | 12/06        | Review for final   |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>12/10</b> | <b>Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:15PM -7:30PM</b>  |