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**Office Hours:** By appointment<sup>1</sup>  
**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, saving, investment, and the financial system , international

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<sup>1</sup>Email is my preferred form of communication.

trade, and finance. 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 Readings

### 5.1 Primary Textbook

- Principles of Macroeconomics 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, N. Gregory Mankiw

Through the MindTap website you will get access to the interactive textbook, instructional videos, practice problems, and homework assignments. Hence, you do not need to buy the textbook. This online homework program will cost each student \$130 to access.

## 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 16 homework assignments. Each homework assignment has varying number of questions/points and therefore weighted differently. Homework assignments, altogether, have 293 points. To achieve the passing score of 70% you must accumulate a minimum of 206 points over the semester. Starting from January 31<sup>th</sup>, 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/MTPNLS7NSBTV/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

Week	Dates	Topics & Readings	Homework Assignments
1	1/23, 1/24	Explore MindTap for Mankiw (Get Started) How to Do Homework Assignments (Get Started)	
2	1/27, 1/31	Ten Principles of Economics (Ch. 1 ) Thinking Like an Economist (Ch. 2 )	Chapter 1 & Chapter 2 <b>Due 1/31 by 5:00 PM</b>
3	2/3, 2/7	Interdependence and the Gains from Trade& (Ch. 3) The Market Forces (Ch. 4)	Chapter 3 & Chapter 4 <b>Due 2/7 by 5:00 PM</b>
4	2/10, 2/14	Elasticity and Its Application ( Ch. 5)	Chapter 5 <b>Due 2/14 by 5:00 PM</b>
5	2/17, 2/21	Supply, Demand, and Government Policies (Ch. 6)	Chapter 6 <b>Due 2/21 by 5:00 PM</b>
6	2/24, 2/28	Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets (Ch. 7)	Chapter 7 <b>Due 2/28 by 5:00 PM</b>
7	3/2, 3/6	Application: The Costs of Taxation (Ch. 8)	Chapter 8 <b>Due 3/6 by 5:00 PM</b>
8	3/9, 3/13	Application: International Trade (Ch. 9)	Chapter 9 <b>Due 3/13 by 5:00 PM</b>
9	3/16, 3/20	Measuring a Nation’s Income (Ch. 10)	Chapter 10 <b>Due 3/20 by 5:00 PM</b>
10	3/23, 3/27	Measuring the Cost of Living (Ch. 11)	Chapter 11 <b>Due 3/27 by 5:00 PM</b>
11	3/30, 4/3	<b>Spring Recess</b>	<b>No assignment</b>
12	4/6, 4/10	Production and Growth (Ch. 12)	Chapter 12 <b>Due 4/10 by 5:00 PM</b>
13	4/13, 4/17	Saving, Investment, and the Financial System (Ch. 13)	Chapter 13 <b>Due 4/17 by 5:00 PM</b>
14	4/20, 4/24	The Basic Tools of Finance (Ch. 14)	Chapter 14 <b>Due 4/24 by 5:00 PM</b>
15	4/27, 5/1	Unemployment (Ch. 15)	Chapter 15 <b>Due 5/1 by 5:00 PM</b>
16	5/4, 5/8	The Monetary System (Ch. 16)	Chapter 16 <b>Due 5/8 by 5:00 PM</b>

Table 1: **Spring 2020 Course Schedule.**