

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 1A, Principles of Macroeconomics, Section 61, Fall, 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours:

- ***In-person*** bookable (via Google Calendar) **Office Hours** will be available on campus at SJSU on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on **Mondays and Wednesdays** between **12:15pm and 2pm** when booked 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting time by email).
- Bookable (via Google Calendar) **Online** (via Zoom) **Office Hours** will be available on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on **Tuesdays** between **3:30pm and 5:30pm** when booked 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting time).
- **Other days or times** are also available by mutual agreement.
- *Initially, we will use the same Zoom login for Office Hours and class lectures. For Office Hours, please respect other peoples' time slots – logon when it is your turn!*
- *To book an appointment go to*
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UVByS3ltMnBiZk42fGRlZmF1bHR8MDQxYzRmYTE3MTZkMzMwMzA4YTc4YWQ2ZmNjOTY5ZDM> and navigate to the correct date.

Class Days/Time: MW 1045-1200

Classroom: DMH 348

Course Description

Determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth.

Course Format

Classroom lectures. Requires Achieve software access for labs and exams. iClicker software and a charged device (phone or laptop) for use of iClicker software in class.

Canvas Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU on Spartan App Portal (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze macroeconomic policy
2. Assess macroeconomic developments

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Worth Publishers (various formats)

Other Readings

Occasional readings posted on Canvas

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Requires Achieve software access for labs and exams. iClicker software and a charged device (phone or laptop) for use of iClicker software in class.

Course Requirements and Assignments

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Final Examination or Evaluation

“Faculty members are required to have a culminating activity for their courses, which can include a final examination, a final research paper or project, a final creative work or performance, a final portfolio of work, or other appropriate assignment.”

Grading Information

Grades will be determined by performance on three exams and labs as follows:

Exam 1 – 25%

Exam 2 – 25%

Final Exam – 25%

Labs (best 10 out of 12 graded labs) – 25%

Letter grades will be determined as follows:

A+	100-97%
A	96-93%
A-	92-90%
B+	89-87%
B	86-83%
B-	82-80%
C+	79-77%
C	76-73%
C-	72-70%
D+	69-67%
D	66-63%
D-	62-60%

Classroom Protocol

Follow University pandemic safety protocols, silence cell phones and related devices during class.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](#) relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

ECON 1A / Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2021, Course Schedule

Course Schedule

Date	Assignment
23-Aug	Introduction to Macroeconomics
25-Aug	Chapter 1
27-Aug	Lab Zero posted
30-Aug	Chapter 1 continued
1-Sep	Chapter 2
3-Sep	Lab 1 posted; Lab Zero due
8-Sep	Chapter 2 continued; Chapter 3
10-Sep	Lab 2 posted; Lab 1 due
13-Sep	Chapter 3 continued; Chapter 4
15-Sep	Chapter 4 continued
17-Sep	Lab 2 due; Lab 3 posted
20-Sep	Chapter 5
22-Sep	Chapter 5 continued
24-Sep	Lab 3 due; Lab 4 posted
27-Sep	Chapter 6
29-Sep	Chapter 6 continued
30-Sep	Exam 1 posted
1-Oct	Lab 4 due; Lab 5 posted
3-Oct	Exam 1 due
4-Oct	Chapter 7
6-Oct	Chapter 8
8-Oct	Lab 5 due; Lab 6 posted
11-Oct	Chapter 9
13-Oct	Chapter 9 continued
15-Oct	Lab 6 due; Lab 7 posted
18-Oct	Chapter 11
20-Oct	Chapter 12
22-Oct	Lab 7 due; Lab 8 posted
25-Oct	Chapter 13
27-Oct	Chapter 13 continued
28-Oct	Exam 2 posted
29-Oct	Lab 8 due; Lab 9 posted
31-Oct	Exam 2 due
1-Nov	Chapter 14
3-Nov	Chapter 14 continued
5-Nov	Lab 9 due; Lab 10 posted
8-Nov	Chapter 15

10-Nov Chapter 15 continued
12-Nov Lab 10 due; Lab 11 posted
15-Nov Chapter 21
17-Nov Chapter 21 continued
19-Nov Lab 11 due; Lab 12 posted
22-Nov NO CLASS MEETING
29-Nov Chapter 22
1-Dec Chapter 22 continued
3-Dec Lab 12 due
6-Dec Chapter 23
9-Dec Final Exam posted
12-Dec Final Exam due