

**San José State University**  
**College of Social Sciences**  
**Economics Department**  
**Econ 1A, Principles of Macroeconomics**  
**Section 62, Summer 2022**

**Course and Contact Information**

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**Course Description**

Macroeconomics is the study of the behavior of economic agents such as households, firms and governments, whose collective decisions determine how resources are allocated in a free market economy. The goal of the course is to teach you to "think like an economist," which will help you to understand the world around you. The course presents the economic theory such as opportunity cost, supply, demand, markets, international trade, gross national product, unemployment... nevertheless it will emphasize the application of these concepts to real world situations through in-class discussions of current events, videos, newspapers articles and interactive learning exercises. Those tools will be formulated to better understand and analyze the economic, political, social world surrounding us and to formulate policy implications.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

- Comparative Advantage (specialization and the gains from trade, globalization)
- Macroeconomic Measures (real versus nominal calculations, components and concept of GDP; components and concept of unemployment figures, calculation inflation)
- Macroeconomic Models (circular flow; monetary and fiscal policy; the market for loanable funds & interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money & price level determination)

**Required Texts**

**Textbook**

**Modern Principles: Macroeconomic, 5th edition**

Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok,  
Worth Publishers, Macmillan Learning  
ISBN: 978-1-319-24540-5

You will need to register with MacMillan and purchase access to the eBook and Achieve.

You must use the link titled “Achieve Access” posted under "modules" to purchase and get access to the ebook and Achieve. It is the first module.

If you need additional guidance, consult the [support site](#) (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site., especially the system requirements which list recommended browsers.

If you have problems registering, purchasing, or logging in, please contact MacMillan Learning:  
<https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/achieve>

You can reach a representative 7 days a week:

- through the online form
- by chat: <https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/chat-with-us>

### **Course Requirements and Assignments:**

**LearningCurve:** you will complete these activities by answering questions until you reach the target score. Due at 11:30pm on the relevant day.

**Biweekly quiz:** the **biweekly practice quiz** (Wednesday and Sunday) posted as "homework" consists of 30 - 35 questions. Due at **11:30pm** of the relevant day.

You may attempt to take the quiz up to 2 times before the due date. Your grade on the quiz will be your highest score from the two attempts. No late quizzes are accepted and any quizzes that are "in-progress" are automatically submitted at the due date.

**You will have ONE Homework assignment and ONE LearningCurve assignment per chapter and your final quiz grade is the average of your top 12 quiz grades.**

#### **Week 1 (July 5 to July 10)**

Wednesday, July 6: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 1

Sunday, July 10: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 2

LearningCurve + quiz chapter 3

#### **Week 2 (July 11 to July 17)**

Wednesday, July 13: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 4

Sunday, July 17 LearningCurve + quiz chapter 6

LearningCurve + quiz chapter 11

### **Week 3 (July 18 to July 24)**

Wednesday, July 20: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 12

Sunday, July 24: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 9

LearningCurve + quiz chapter 13

### **Week 4 (July 25 to July 31)**

Wednesday, July 27: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 15

Sunday, July 31: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 16

LearningCurve + quiz chapter 17

### **Week 5 (Aug. 1 to Aug. 5)**

Wednesday, Aug. 3: LearningCurve + quiz chapter 18

**Exams:** Each exam will cover several chapters. Please choose the best answer for each question. You **do not** get multiple attempts to answer the questions like you do on the quizzes, so please take your time.

Once you begin the exam you will have 45 minutes to answer the multiple choice questions covering the relevant chapter. Don't try to look for the exams. They are only published on their scheduled day.

There will be 3 exams:

Exam 1 (Saturday, July 16) covers ch. 1, 2, 3, and 4

Exam 2 (Saturday, July 30) covers ch. 6, 9, 11, 12 and 13

Exam 3: Final (Friday, Aug. 5) covers ch. 15, 16, 17, 18, 3 and 4

**You are not permitted to use any outside sources when you take the exams.**

**I will not offer make up exams.**

“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

Exam 3: Final (Friday, Aug. 5) covers ch. 15, 16, 17, 18, 3 and 4

“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:

<b>Grade: Group</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>LearningCurve: Top 12 grades are used for your LearningCurve average</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Quizzes: Top 12 grades are used for your quiz average</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Letter grade will be assigned as follows:

100% - 97%	A+
96.99% - 93%	A
92.99% - 90%	A-
89.99% - 87%	B+
86.99% - 83%	B
82.99% - 80%	B-
79.99% - 77%	C+
76.99% - 73%	C
72.99% - 70%	C-

69.99% - 67%	D+
66.99% - 63%	D
62.99% - 60%	D-
<b>Below 60%</b>	<b>F</b>

## 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.

## Additional Information

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 your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy S07-2 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 [Disability Resource Center](http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/) (DRC) at <http://www.drc.sjsu.edu/> to establish a record of their disability.

## Student Technology Resources

Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Clark Hall and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library.

A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include digital and VHS camcorders, VHS and Beta video players, 16 mm, slide, overhead, DVD, CD, and audiotape players, sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

## Learning Assistance Resource Center

The Learning Assistance Resource Center (LARC) is located in Room 600 in the Student Services Center. It is designed to assist students in the development of their full academic potential and to inspire them to become independent learners. The Center's tutors are trained and nationally certified by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). They provide content-based tutoring in many lower division courses (some

upper division) as well as writing and study skills assistance. Small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring are available. Please visit [the LARC website](http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/) for more information at <http://www.sjsu.edu/larc/>.

### **SJSU Writing Center**

The SJSU Writing Center is located in Room 126 in Clark Hall. It is staffed by professional instructors and upper-division or graduate-level writing specialists from each of the seven SJSU colleges. Our writing specialists have met a rigorous GPA requirement, and they are well trained to assist all students at all levels within all disciplines to become better writers. The [Writing Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/about/staff/>.

### **Peer Mentor Center**

The Peer Mentor Center is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Clark Hall in the Academic Success Center. The Peer Mentor Center is staffed with Peer Mentors who excel in helping students manage university life, tackling problems that range from academic challenges to interpersonal struggles. On the road to graduation, Peer Mentors are navigators, offering “roadside assistance” to peers who feel a bit lost or simply need help mapping out the locations of campus resources. Peer Mentor services are free and available on a drop –in basis, no reservation required. The [Peer Mentor Center website](http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/) is located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/muse/peermentor/>

### ***Getting Help:***

***-If you face difficulty in this class send me emails as soon as possible. I will be happy to assist you in clarifying hard concepts.***

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The schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments
1	7/6/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 1
	7/10/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 2 LearningCurve + quiz chapter 3
2	7/13/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 4
	7/16/2022	Exam 1: ch. 1, 2, 3, and 4
	7/17/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 6 LearningCurve + quiz chapter 11
3	7/20/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 12
	7/24/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 9 LearningCurve + quiz chapter 13
4	7/27/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 15
	7/30/2022	Exam 2: ch. 6, 11, 9, 12 and 13
	7/31/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 16 LearningCurve + quiz chapter 17
5	8/3/2022	LearningCurve + quiz chapter 18
	8/5/2022	Exam 3: ch. 15, 16, 17,18, 3 and 4