

Department of Economics - University of California, Berkeley  
Economics 100B - Spring 2021  
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**Economics 100B: Macroeconomic Analysis**

**Section 102/107 Syllabus**

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Office Hours: Wed 4-5PM PT | Fri 11-12AM PT

**Purpose:**

This section is created to provide a deeper understanding of the material presented during lecture through review of discussion questions, clarifying concepts, answering student questions, and discussion of various articles related to course material. We will be engaging in course material through a variety of styles: lecture-style, group activities, breakout rooms discussions, etc. If you have any suggestions on how sections could be more productive for you and your peers, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or talk to me after the section.

**Section Times + Zoom Links:**

Section 102: MW 11AM-12PM PST

Zoom Link: <https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/92647247016>

Section 107: MW 5PM-6PM PST

Zoom Link: <https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/99667209000>

You are welcome to attend my other sections (aka, if you're enrolled in 102 but want to attend 107 or vice versa) with my permission. Email me ahead of time if you choose to attend a different section on a particular day.

**Section Grades**

Section grades will be based on attendance and participation in each section. You will receive 1 point for each section you attend and participate in. Many sections will include group discussions of articles and group work towards your group project. Attendance for those sections *cannot be made up*. Attendance for all other sections can be made up- for each missed section, you can earn back the 1 point by writing a 1-page (double-spaced, 10-11-12pt font reflection) of what you learned that week.

**Office Hours**

My office hours are on Wednesdays at 4PM-5PM PT and Fridays at 11AM-12PM PT available at the link below and on the course website. You're welcome to come to office hours to discuss additional questions on course material, ask for help on topics covered in class/discussion, or review with other students. If you cannot make my office hours, feel free to email me to schedule an appointment if you have questions.

Office Hour Links: <https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/96904313141>

**Email Policy**

Please email me with [Econ 100B] in the subject line, otherwise I may not respond to the email quickly. Please do not email me through bCourses. I will do my best to respond to all emails within 48 hours of when it was sent. Questions that require graphs or equations to answer may best be answered during office hours.

**Contacting You**

Prof. Olney and the GSIs will use the email address for you that we get from CalCentral. Be sure your email address registered with CalNet Directory is correct.

**Academic Honesty Policy**

We all know that UC Berkeley is a collaborative environment. You are encouraged to work with your peers on problem sets. However, the assignments you ultimately submit must represent your own work.

**University Policy on Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism includes appropriation of whole passages with or without credit, appropriation of words and phrases without credit, appropriation of both main and supporting ideas without credit, and paraphrasing without credit. Plagiarism also includes submitting a paper written by someone else. For more information on UC Berkeley's policy on plagiarism, please refer to <http://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct/integrity/definition> and <http://ets.berkeley.edu/academic-integrity>.

**Special Accommodations**

If you have special DSP accommodations or medical concerns you wish to share with course staff, please reach out to the head GSI of this course, Shreya Dutt at [shreya\\_dutt@berkeley.edu](mailto:shreya_dutt@berkeley.edu).

## **Zoom Etiquette/Technical Issues**

Even though we live in a virtual world, I expect professionalism and participation during our sections. This includes:

- Log into the section on time. Just like face-to-face sections, you're expected to arrive at the scheduled time (11:10AM for section 102 and 5:10PM for section 107).
- Use the chat feature to pose a question or comment to the entire class. You are welcome to ask questions privately to me via the chat function.
- Please be respectful and inclusive of one another, both verbally and in the chat.
- Don't post or share inappropriate material. Use chat function for class-related comments/questions only.
- Mute your microphone when you're not speaking.

The 15-Minute Rule. Since the live version of the class relies on broadcast technology that can fail (e.g., wifi failure, rolling blackouts, Zoom crashing, etc.), the 15-minute rule applies. If the Zoom session does not begin within 15 minutes of the start time of the section (berkeleytime) then you can assume that there has been a failure somewhere in the technology link and that there will not be a live class that day. Similarly, if the broadcast drops in the middle of a class and it does not resume within 15 minutes, consider the live version of the class to be finished for the day. Once access is restored, watch email or bcourses for an announcement of how/if we will make up the missed time.

## **Limits to Confidentiality**

As UC employees, all course instructors and tutors are "Responsible Employees" and are required to report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, or other conduct prohibited by university policy to the Title IX officer. We cannot keep reports of sexual harassment or sexual violence confidential, but the Title IX officer will consider requests for confidentiality. There are confidential resources available to you, including the PATH to Care Center (<http://sa.berkeley.edu/dean/confidential-care-advocate>), which serves survivors of sexual violence and sexual harassment.

## **Resources**

Course website: <https://eml.berkeley.edu/~olney/spring21/econ100b/>

SLC website (for tutoring): <https://slc.berkeley.edu/economics>

## **Feedback**

Your feedback is extremely valuable in improving student experience now and going forward. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out!