

## Topics for Class Project

### ECON 2110 - MACROECONOMIC PRINCIPLES FALL 2024 – University of New Mexico

- Why the US economy is known as a consumer-driven economy?
- What are the roles of private investment in the US economy?
- What are the roles of government investment in the US economy?
- How can government spending affect private sector activity?
- Why should the government engage more or less in the economy than in the past?
- What are the common measures of inflation?
- Why the stock market performance may not reflect the state of the real economy?
- Explain the dual mandates of the Federal Reserve Bank (FED)
- What should be the monetary policy (“FED do”) in 2024?
- Why is consumer sentiment data important for Macroeconomists?
- Why do Macroeconomists rely heavily on forecasts?
- Why has the US economy experienced slower growth in recent decades?
- How to accelerate growth in the US economy?
- Can technology boost economic growth?
- What factors can boost economic growth?
- What is the role of human capital in economic development?
- What are the pros and cons of raising the minimum wage?
- What are the pros and cons of having unemployment insurance?
- Is the US public debt policy sustainable?
- How can a staggering student debt in the US affect the economy?
- Explain the declining interest rate in the US from 1980 to 2020.
- What are the causes and consequences of recent inflationary trends?
- How big tech firms (Google, Amazon, Facebook) have influenced the US economy?
- How has online shopping changed consumer spending in the US?

- Why is firm-level competition good for the overall economy?
- Artificial Intelligence and Macro-economy
- What are the popular recession indicators?
- Why do some countries remain poor while others grow rich?
- Why many developing countries may or may not catch up with the developed world?
- How has China led the growth of the global economy for many decades?
- How did China become a production hub for the world?
- Why big countries like China and France are concentrating their focus on Africa?
- How can Africa contribute to the growth of the global economy?
- Explain the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in 2023
- Why the small and mid-size banks in the US are currently facing a risk?
- What is the current state of commercial real estate in the US?
- What caused the Great Recession in 2008?
- What are the consequences of rising inequality in the US?
- Do economic indicators affect the outcome of a presidential election?
- Why are US treasuries considered to be safe assets?
- How did the US dollar become the world's reserve currency?
- What is the role of money?
- A comparison of fiat money vs. electronic money vs. cryptocurrency vs. central bank digital currency (CBDC).
- What are the pros and cons of adopting Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)?
- What are the major causes of the US's declining labor force participation rate?
- Climate change and global economy
- What caused the recent spike in housing prices?
- Explain the concepts: Universal Basic Income (UBI), Universal Health Care (UHI)
- Who should pay for UBI or UHI?
- What are the causes and consequences of falling birth rates in the developed world?
- How can the US avoid the fate of Japan or South Korea?
- What should be the "right" immigration policy in the US?
- Explain the role of the US dollar in the global economy
- How did China achieve economic prosperity?

- Why India may or may not follow the economic success of China?
- How did the US benefit from the trade with China?
- What is the reason behind the recent trade war between the US and China?
- What is the goal of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)?
- Why did China invest heavily in Africa while the US focused on the Asia Pacific region?
- Explain the potential roles of BRICS in the global economy
- How the war in Ukraine has affected the global economy?
- How can a conflict between the US and China influence the global economy?