

Econ 202 - Section 050
Macroeconomic Principles

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Class Time and Location:

- Tuesday / Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m., Lecture Hall 238 (LH 0238)

Office Hours: Stephens Hall 101K

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Course Website: <http://pages.towson.edu/jjung/teaching.htm>

Required Textbook and iClickers:

- O'Sullivan, Arthur and Steven Sheffrin and Steve Perez (2013), *Macroeconomics: Principles, Applications, and Tools*, 8th edition, Prentice Hall, 2013. You can get any edition from edition 5 and newer.
- iClickers. We use model **iClicker+**, NOT the more expensive iClicker2. It can be purchased in the University Bookstore or online. I have seen used ones for \$29.99 online, but you may be able to find even cheaper offers. I do not allow cellphones in class, so you need to get the clickers.

Requirements:

Basic algebra and geometry is required.

Grading: There will be numerous homework assignments, in-class clicker questions, two midterm exams and a final exam.

- **Homework:** All homework will be online and can be accessed and submitted via Blackboard. You can access already submitted and graded homework after the deadline via myGrades on blackboard. Solutions will be posted there as well. Use this as a study tool!
- **iClickers:** Students are encouraged to engage in in-class activities via iClickers. The instructor will assess the overall performance of each student in this area and award points accordingly at the end of the semester. Among other things, unexcused absence from class result in loss of class participation points. No extra credit assignments will be offered.

- If you do not already have an account on REEF-Polling by iClicker go to: <https://app.reef-education.com/#/login> and create an account for free! You do **NOT** need a subscription to REEF-Polling, just an active account. (Note: If you bought a brand new iClicker+, it comes with a free subscription for for one semester — however, the subscription is not needed in order to use it in class.)
 - It is very important that you **sign up with your towson email address** for this account - the system will not be able to link you with Blackboard otherwise! Please also use your **official name** as it shows on your Towson Student Card when you sign up.
 - Log into your account and register your iClicker+ for our class. You should be able to find our class already on the system.
 - For help check: <http://support.iclicker.com/#StudentsREEFPollingbyi>clicker>
 - If you forget your iClicker or do not come to class you will lose the points of that day. I will drop the 6 lowest daily scores, so you can “skip/forget/be sick/have emergencies etc.” 6 times without impacting your grade. Do not ask for more!
 - **Very Important:** Only you are allowed to handle your iClicker+. Handing off an iClicker+ or handling an iClicker+ for somebody else in class is considered cheating and will result in a course fail for both, the person handling the iClicker+ and the student handing over the iClicker+. Since I allow you to skip class up to 6 times without repercussions, no further “bending of the rules” will be tolerated. I will on occasion count who is in class and how many students respond via clickers in class on that day.
- **Exams:** Exams will be given in-class and require Scantron sheets. In order to facilitate this process, please hand in 3 Scantron sheets (2 midterms, one final) in the first week of class to me. I will store them for you and bring them to class on exam days. You will not be able to write an exam if you haven’t submitted your Scantron sheet to me.
 - In general, make-up exams will NOT be given. If you miss a midterm exam with a valid excuse, the final will count for 50 percent of your grade.
 - You can only miss one midterm exam.
 - You must not miss the final exam.
 - If you are involved in a university sponsored event that conflicts with an exam you must notify the instructor at least one week prior to the exam to schedule an alternative exam time.
 - Exam dates/times are:

	Date	Time	Room
Midterm 1 (050)	Thursday, March 2	in class	Classroom
Midterm 2 (050)	Thursday, April 6	in class	Classroom
Final Section 050	Thursday, May 18	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Classroom

- **Calculating Grades:** Do NOT take the RAW (unweighted) scores from Blackboard directly - they need to be weighted by the percentages that follow under the next bullet point. To help you with figuring out your grade as you go through the semester, you can use the grade checker Excel file that is posted on the class website to calculate your grades from the RAW (unweighted) scores from Blackboard. Detailed instructions are given in class as well as in the Excel file itself.

- **Weights:** The various assignments will count toward the grade as follows (these are the weights that the grade checker uses to calculate your overall course grade):

	Percent
Homework Assignments	20%
iClicker questions	10%
MidtermExam1	20%
MidtermExam2	20%
Final	30%.
Total	100%

- **Grading Scale:** The grading scale is as follows:

92 – 100	<i>A</i>
90 – < 92	<i>A–</i>
88 – < 90	<i>B+</i>
82 – < 88	<i>B</i>
80 – < 82	<i>B–</i>
78 – < 80	<i>C+</i>
71 – < 78	<i>C</i>
68 – < 71	<i>D+</i>
60 – < 68	<i>D</i>
< 60	<i>F</i>

No Cell-Phone Policy: When you come to class please turn off your cell phone and store it in your bag. If you use your cell phone in class, it will negatively impact your grade.

Et Cetera: Students may not repeat a course more than once without prior permission of the Academic Standards Committee.

Students with Disabilities: In accordance with university policy, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, please contact me at the beginning of the semester (first two weeks!!) and when given an assignment for which an accommodation is required. Students with disabilities must verify their eligibility through the Office of Disability Support Services (AD 232).

Course Withdrawal: Please note that the last day to withdraw from the class is **Monday, April 10**. Students dropping on or before this date will receive a “W” on their official transcript. Withdrawal after that date will require an assignment of a letter grade for the course.

Academic Integrity: All students are expected to abide by Towson University’s policy on academic integrity. The policy is available online:
<http://wwwnew.towson.edu/provost/resources/studentacademic.asp>. I will pursue the maximum allowable penalty for any violation of academic honesty or integrity.

Students' Responsibility: Students in this course are expected to spend a minimum of two hours preparing for each hour of class time. This time is to be used to read the assigned text material, work on the recommended exercises of the assigned chapters, and to read newspapers, magazines, and professional literature to find examples for using the macroeconomic tools covered in class. Economic tools and concepts can only be understood when you work on problems.

Pocket calculators are allowed during exams and in class. No additional material is allowed during exams. Cell phones are not permitted in class or during exams. Please store them in your bag.

Student Evaluations: Student evaluations of this course play a crucial role in my delivery. This semester, all course evaluations will be administered online during the last two weeks of the course. You will receive an email with a link to the website with directions on how to access the survey. It is vitally important that you complete the survey as I use the results to modify the course and assess my teaching and the University uses the results to address technology and facility needs. You can be assured that your responses will be confidential as the results will be transmitted to me after the grading period and they will not include any identifying information.

Tips for Good Performance in this Course: Work through every homework independently, but not alone. Discussion beforehand with your classmates is recommended. The final version must be done on your own. The instructor is also ready to help you. Remember to make good use of office hours! **READ YOUR TEXTBOOK BEFORE GOING TO CLASS!**

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Description of the Course

The following is the course description from the Undergraduate Catalog: Inflation and unemployment - causes and remedies. Money and banking, government spending and taxation. International trade. GenEd II.C.2 or Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The main objectives of this course are: (1) to introduce students to the economists' way of thinking about economic issues, especially issues related to macroeconomics, and (2) to prepare students for more advanced courses of economics. The emphasis of this course is to help students develop "economic intuition" and to introduce to students concepts and analytical tools used by economists when approaching issues in macroeconomics.

By the completion of this course, students should be able to manipulate and interpret the basic macroeconomic model, formalize simple policy experiments within the model and report analysis in coherent, economically meaningful terms.

Material: Tentative Outline [Subject to change]

1. Introduction Microeconomic Basics (Chapter 1-4)
2. Measuring a Nation's Production and Income (Chapter 5)
3. Unemployment and Inflation (Chapter 6)
4. The Economy in the Long Run at Full Employment (Chapter 7)
5. Why Do Economies Grow? (Chapter 8)
6. Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply (Chapter 9)
7. Fiscal Policy (Chapter 10)
8. The Income Expenditure Model (Chapter 11)
9. Investment and Financial Markets (Chapter 12)
10. Money and the Banking System (Chapter 13)
11. The Federal Reserve and Monetary Policy (Chapter 14)
12. Modern Macroeconomics: From the Short Run to the Long Run (Chapter 15)
13. The Dynamics of Inflation and Unemployment (Chapter 16)
14. Macroeconomic Policy Debates (Chapter 17)
15. International Trade and Public Policy (Chapter 18)
16. The World of International Finance (Chapter 19)