



ECO 3302 – Intermediate Macroeconomics

Lecture 1: Course Logistics & Introduction

Luis Pérez
(luisperez@smu.edu)

January 22, 2025

Table of Contents

1. Instructor and Students

2. Course Structure

- Course Components

- Textbook

3. Grading

4. Office Hours

5. Other Important Information

Instructor and Students

Who is your instructor?

LUIS PÉREZ:

- ▶ Assistant Professor of Economics
- ▶ Research: Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Industrial Organization
- ▶ Personal website: luisperezecon.com
- ▶ Email: luisperez@smu.edu
- ▶ Teaching Experience:
 - Economy of Latin America (UMN, undergrad, 2021–2024)
 - Economic Growth (KTH, grad, 2018)
 - Macroeconomics for Business (KTH, grad, 2017)

Who is your instructor?

About Me:

- ▶ From Spain (born in Madrid, raised in Madrid and Mallorca)
- ▶ Also lived in Sweden and the US
- ▶ PhD in Economics from the University of Minnesota, 2024
- ▶ Hobbies:
 - Football (which you may know as soccer), surf, SUP, tennis, gym, running, ...
 - Wine
 - Food
 - Other hobbies we may share: music, traveling, ...

Who are you?

► Take 1 minute to introduce yourself:

- Name
- Year in school
- Major and minor
- Goals and interests (professional or not)
- Why are you at SMU?
- Hobbies or fun fact about you

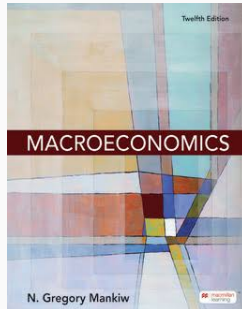
Course Structure

Course Components

- ▶ This course will consist of:
 - 43 Lectures (including today's lecture and review sessions)
 - \approx 20 Assignments (several exercises for each book chapter)
 - 1 mandatory *in-class* quiz (April 16) to earn extra credit
 - 3 Exams: Early-progress (February 24), Midterm 1 (March 14), Midterm 2 (May 6)
- ▶ Each assignment graded in scale 0–100. All assignments have equal weight
- ▶ All you need to know/find is or will be in Canvas
(syllabus, class schedule, slides, quizzes, past exams, grades, ...)

► Mankiw, N. Gregory (2025). *Macroeconomics, Twelfth Edition*.

- ISBN: 9781319567651. Publisher: Macmillan Learning. [Purchase link](#)
 - **Achieve format** includes e-book, online resources, and options for DASS students
 - Make sure you buy this ISBN, Achieve format, as you'll need it to complete HWs
 - **Achieve course ID: nsufnc**. You can access book and assignments through Modules and Macmillan learning tabs in Canvas (see [video on linking Canvas and Achieve](#))



Grading

Grading

- ▶ Each course component/subcomponent will be graded in **scale 0–100**
- ▶ Course components and their **weights on final grade**:
 - Attendance: 5%
 - Assignments: 25%
 - Early-progress exam: 15%
 - Midterm 1: 20%
 - Midterm 2: 35%
- ▶ **Extra credit / Bonus points**: You can add (up to) 5 bonus points to final grade, depending on class participation and career involvement.
 - Class participation (mandatory in-class quizz, ask questions, answer questions)
 - [Heigi center](#) (take Canvas course, attend all in-person events)

Office Hours

Office Hours

- ▶ Dates and time: Mondays, 1pm–4pm.
- ▶ Book your appointment: [here](#)
 - Slots of 20 minutes (max 1 per person/day)
 - Additional office hours for midterm and final exams
 - In-person only
 - Can accommodate you on Zoom under reasonable circumstances

Other Important Information

Other important information

All important information is in the [syllabus](#). Check it out! (and do so frequently)

► Attendance is mandatory:

- Will take attendance in every class
- There's a block in our Canvas page called *Attendance*
- Will assign grades 0 or 100 after I roll call

Three “free absence” passes

- Allow up to 3 absences without consequences (ie, will drop 3 zeros from attendance)
- Includes absences due to sickness or family circumstances (eg, weddings, funerals, flying early on holidays, ...)
- No e-mail regarding absences should expect a response, even if with doctor's note
- Will not make up for missed classes with office hours

Other important information (cont'd)

All important information is in the **syllabus**. Check it out! (and do so frequently)

▶ Registered with DASS?

- Send me your accommodation letter ASAP
- Request testing at the UTC *at least 2 weeks* in advance
- **Schedule your exam for same date/time as rest of the class**

▶ Communication with instructor:

- Email me using your **SMU email**
- Include “ECO 3302 - Topic to discuss” in your **subject**
- **Will respond within 48h during business days**, not during weekends or holidays

Questions?

Thank You!

(Email: luisperez@smu.edu)

(Website: <https://luisperezecon.com>)