

ECON2030 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

Syllabus

Welcome to the Course

Macroeconomics concentrates on the basic economic principles relevant to the resource utilization problems of the economy as a whole. We will establish general principles and discuss recent macroeconomic events. This course provides an overview of the fundamental economic principles and measures used to evaluate the economy, such as gross domestic product, the inflation rate, the unemployment rate, and federal deficits. The course examines how the economy functions, what causes economic difficulties, and the policies that are used to improve the functioning of the economy. There are no prerequisites.

Course Information

Course Description	Economic principles emphasize economic aggregates, including measuring economic performance, macroeconomic theory, inflation and unemployment, money and banking, and fiscal and monetary policy. It may count as either ECON 2030 or ECON 2033.
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Office Hours & Location	<i>Appointment via Zoom</i>
Lecture Time	<i>Asynchronous learning</i>
Lecture Location	Canvas (Asynchronous Learning)

Course Objectives for Principles of Macroeconomics

1. Students will become familiar with measures of economic performance, learn to use these indicators to evaluate current economic conditions and understand how markets function in a capitalistic society.
2. Students will learn the major perspectives on what determines the performance of the overall economy and will learn to analyze impacts on the economy.
3. Students will learn the key approaches to macroeconomic policy. They will develop skills to analyze the impacts of policy actions and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different policies.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

1. Locate and use information related to economics.
2. Express general economic concepts and analyze the economic outcomes of government interventions.
3. Demonstrate ability to integrate knowledge and ideas in a coherent and meaningful manner.

During the course, students will learn how to:

1. Use supply and demand to explain various economic phenomena and principles.
2. Explain the measurement and importance of GDP, inflation, unemployment, money, and trade. Be able to describe the cause and effect of changes in all of these variables.
3. Read and explain the content of economic materials from a secondary source (such as the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, etc.) Relate economic concepts to these real-world events and critically evaluate the impact of economic policy.
4. Compare and contrast various economic theories and policies. This includes being able to critically analyze the Fiscal, Monetary, and Exchange rate policies.

Course Format

Lectures: Asynchronous Learning

- I understand that some of you may have summer internships. To accommodate this, I will record all lectures and upload them to Canvas for you to study at your convenience.
- Since the summer semester is short, instead of long lectures, I will provide short videos (around 15 minutes each) focused on specific topics. Each chapter may include several of these short videos.
- There will be pop quizzes associated with each video. You can create your own study schedule as long as all quizzes are completed before the exam

Course Materials and Tools

- **Textbooks/Readings/Other Material (Optional)**

Macroeconomics, (7th edition) by Paul Krugman and Robin Wells

ISBN: 9781319481476

How to Obtain the Textbook:

- **Method 1: Purchase Achieve (Expensive Option, but more practice questions) From the University Bookstore or Official Website:**
 - **Bundle Price:** The textbook is available with Achieve (1-term access).



- **Advantages:** The Achieve bundle provides the e-book and offers additional practice questions and online AI services for question explanations. This is a valuable resource despite its higher cost. Again, the Achieve is not mandatory; it's intended for students seeking additional practice questions. The quizzes will be posted on Canvas. Please note that extra practice questions do not equate to extra credit.
 - Since this is a summer class, I do not recommend choosing this option if you want to save money. However, if you do not have financial constraints, this option can be a good way to learn.
- **Method 2: Buy or rent used books (Cheaper Option – recommend)**
- You can search online for used textbook copies (current or any edition after the 4th).

- **Technology Requirements**

1. **Computer (Laptop or Desktop):** Necessary for accessing Canvas for quizzes and class materials.
2. **Non-Graphing Calculator:** Required for completing quizzes, exams, and in-class iClicker questions.

Assignments, Exams, Quizzes, Extra Credits, and Grading

This section describes the types of scored activities that will be included in the course grade.

Summary of Grade Criteria

	Points	Weight
Pre-exam Quizzes x 2	40 x 2	20%
Unit Exams x 2	45 x 2	40%
Self-Check Assignments	ungraded	0%
Panopto video assignments		40%
		100%

Grading Scale

A = 90%-above B = 80-89.99% C = 70-79.99% D = 60-69.99% F = 59.99%-below

Important Date:

Unit Exam 01: TBA

Unit Exam 02: TBA

Grading Procedure and Structure

1. **Self-Check Assignments:** There will be six self-check assignments. Both the questions and solutions will be posted simultaneously, allowing you to complete the assignments and verify your answers independently. As college students, you are expected to manage your own learning effectively. These questions will not be reviewed during lectures. If you have any questions after reviewing the solutions, please feel free to visit my office hours for further assistance.
2. **Pre-Exam Quizzes:** There are two quizzes with around 45 questions. No time limit, multiple attempts. It is open-book and open notes.
3. **Panopto video assignments:** There will be pop quizzes included with or following each video. (unlimited attempts)
4. **Unit Exams:** There are two units in this course, so you will take two exams. Each exam will consist of approximately 45 multiple-choice questions and is designed to be completed within 90 minutes. Because economics builds on itself, content from earlier units may appear on later exams. However, each exam will primarily focus on the material from its respective unit. These exams are given **on Canvas**.

Unit exams will be administered on Canvas and will be open-book and open-note.

However, no Wi-Fi-connected devices are allowed during the exam. If your notes are on an iPad or laptop, you must print them out in order to use them. The exam will be proctored live through ProctorU.

“What should I do if I cannot take the unit exam due to illness, a family emergency, religious holidays, military orders, or other reasons?”

Arrangements to make up missed major examination (e.g. hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences. Except in unusual circumstances, such as continued absence of the student or the advent of University holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks from the time the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstance, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins. I require written documentation supporting any excuse, and I must be notified of the excuse before the test day or, at the latest, on the day of the test.



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If you miss the rescheduled exams, your only option is to retake the final exam.

5. **Other Extra Credits:** I may implement additional opportunities for extra credit during the semester, but this is not guaranteed.

Course Policies

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1. Following Canvas is a **MUST**. Keep yourself updated with all posts and announcements.
2. Class and exam will be in person.
3. **Policies on Class Attendance, Submission of Late Written Assignments, Missed In-Class Work and Missed Examinations:**
 - a. **Excused Absences:** Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family, death of a member of the student's immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from this class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required.

4. No Cheating!

University Academic Dishonesty & Cheating Policy

Auburn University has adopted an Honor System proposed by its students and faculty to promote academic integrity. It has enacted the following code: "We, the faculty, instructors, and students of the ECON 2030 - GL1, pledge to fulfill our mutual responsibilities to each other and the academic community at large with honor and integrity in order to build and maintain a climate of respect and trust that will enhance our research, teaching, and learning. We will support the Honor System of the School, and will not tolerate activities that undermine academic integrity."

Academic dishonesty is an offense that will be reported to the Academic Honesty Committee. Please refer to the following document for further information regarding academic honesty:

<https://auburnpub.cfmnetwork.com/B.aspx?BookId=12839&PageId=463585>

Policy on Classroom Behavior



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The goal of Auburn University and its faculty and students is to foster a dynamic environment of higher learning where all students develop analytical skills, learn to think critically, and communicate effectively, promote inquiry, pursue knowledge, and prepare for productive careers. Behavior in the classroom that impedes teaching and learning and creates obstacles to this goal is considered disruptive and therefore subject to sanctions. The purpose of these sanctions is to create and protect an optimum learning experience; they should not be considered punitive, neither by the student nor by the instructor. Disagreement expressed in a civil fashion, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, and unconventional behavior are not, per se, disruptive to the classroom experience. These sanctions are intended only to preserve the classroom as a place to pursue knowledge, exchange ideas, and share opinions in an atmosphere of tolerance. Students have the responsibility of complying with behavioral standards. Faculty members have a professional responsibility to set reasonable limits on the expression of opinions while treating students with dignity, respect, and understanding while guiding classroom activities. At the classroom level, clear guidelines for behavior and early intervention are the foundation for an intellectually stimulating experience for students and instructors alike. Instructors are encouraged to include in their syllabi guidelines for classroom behavior. Instructors who state these guidelines early and enforce them at the first appearance of disruptive behavior prevent minor episodes of classroom misconduct from escalating into serious confrontations and help transgressors to avoid the more serious consequences of such actions. Examples of improper behavior in the classroom (including the virtual classroom of e-mail, chat rooms, telephony, and web activities associated with courses) may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Arriving after a class has begun (**If you are running late, please be quiet and find a seat without disturbing your classmates**);
2. Use of tobacco products;
3. Monopolizing discussion;
4. Persistent speaking out of turn;
5. Distractive talking, including cell phone usage. (**Please set cell phones and laptops to silent mode.**)
6. Audio or video recording of classroom activities or the use of electronic devices without the permission of the instructor;
7. Refusal to comply with reasonable instructor directions;
8. Employing insulting language or gestures; and
9. Verbal, psychological, or physical threats, harassment, and physical violence.
10. Please avoid eating foods with strong odors during the lecture, as it can disturb your classmates. If you're really hungry, consider having an energy bar, candy, or chocolate instead. Any food that may disturb the study environment is not permitted.



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When confronted with disruptive but non-threatening behavior, the instructor should issue a general word of caution to the class as a whole rather than to a particular student so as not to exacerbate the problem.

If a general caution directed to the entire class does not stop the disruptive activity, the instructor should endeavor to meet in private with the disruptive student. The resulting discussion should include a description of the problem, the reason it is disruptive, and the consequences of continued violations of classroom behavior guidelines.

If the disruptive behavior is preventing further instruction, the instructor is authorized to ask the disruptive student to leave the class immediately for the remainder of the class session. Removal from the classroom more than one class period, for an extended period, or on a permanent basis normally requires the instructor to file charges of a violation of the Auburn University Code of Student Conduct with the Vice President for Student Affairs. The department head/chair or dean may negotiate a withdrawal from the course or a transfer of the disruptive student to a different course section or course, if, in his or her opinion, a different instructor and different classmates would diffuse the situation and provide the disruptive student with a new learning opportunity.

If threats have been made or physical violence is imminent, the instructor should notify the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety & Security immediately. The instructor should also notify the course department head/chair or dean promptly, followed by a memo to the department head/chair or dean.

Other Policies

- **Campus Alcohol Policy:** [Link](#)
- <https://auburnpub.cfmnetwork.com/B.aspx?BookId=12261&PageId=460639>
- **Drug Free Campus and Workplace Policy**
- <https://auburnpub.cfmnetwork.com/B.aspx?BookId=12566&PageId=462077>
- **Smoke-Free Campus Policy**
- <https://auburnpub.cfmnetwork.com/B.aspx?BookId=12367&PageId=461532>

Mental Health

If you or someone you know needs support, you are encouraged to contact Auburn Cares at 334-844-1305 or auburn.edu/auburncares. Auburn Cares will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.

Student Counseling & Psychological Services provides confidential, no-cost mental health counseling and psychiatric services to Auburn Students. You can speak with a



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counselor 24/7/365 by calling 334-844-5123. Learn more about mental health information on campus at auburn.edu/scps.

Basic Needs

Any student experiencing food insecurity or an unexpected financial crisis is encouraged to contact Auburn Cares at 334-844-1305 or auburn.edu/auburncares. for resources and support.

Sexual Misconduct Resources Statement

Auburn University faculty are committed to supporting our students and upholding gender equity laws as outlined by Title IX. Please be aware that if you choose to confide in a faculty member regarding an issue of sexual misconduct, dating violence, or stalking, we are obligated to inform the Title IX Office, who can assist you with filing a formal complaint, No-Contact Directives, and obtaining supportive measures. Find more information at auburn.edu/titleix.

If you would like to speak with someone confidentially, Safe Harbor (334-844-7233) and Student Counseling & Psychological Services (334-844-5123) are both confidential resources. Safe Harbor provides support to students who have experienced sexual or relationship violence by connecting them with academic, medical, mental health, and safety resources. For additional information, visit auburn.edu/safeharbor.

Course Outline

- ✓ *Ch 1: Economic Principles*
- ✓ *Ch 2: Circular-Flow Model, Opportunity Cost, PPF*
- ✓ *Ch 3: Supply and Demand, Equilibrium Analysis*
- ✓ *Ch 6: Macroeconomics: The Big Picture*
- ✓ *Ch 7: GDP and the CPI: Tracking the Macroeconomy*
- ✓ *Ch 8: Unemployment and Inflation*
- ✓ *Ch 9: Long-Run Economic Growth*
- ✓ *Ch 10: Saving, Investment Spending, and the Financial System*
- ✓ *Ch 11: Income and Expenditure (only cover multiplier)*
- ✓ *Ch 12: Aggregate Supply and Demand*
- ✓ *Ch 13: Fiscal Policy*
- ✓ *Ch 14: The meaning of Money, The US Federal Reserve System*
- ✓ *Ch 15: Monetary Policy*



Course Schedule:

NOTE: The actual dates may be modified due to the class requirements. Also, the indicated dates may be moved backward or forward depending on class progress. Exact dates and instructions will be announced on Canvas.