

Department of Economics, Portland State University, Spring 2009
Course: EC 202 (Section 02): Principles of Economics (Macro)

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Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00-11.50, in Cramer Hall 150

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Course Objective:

The purpose of this introductory economics course is to familiarize students with the basic principles and tools of macroeconomics so that they would be able to understand the causes of the major macroeconomic concerns like inflation, unemployment, recession and balance of payments deficit. The debates on the appropriate policy responses to tackle these problems will also be discussed.

Recommended Textbooks:

1) Basic Text: PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS by N. Gregory Mankiw (4th edition, 2006) ISBN: 0324236956 Publishers: South-Western College Pub.

2) Supplementary Text: STUDY GUIDE FOR MANKIW'S PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS by N. Gregory Mankiw (4th edition, 2006) ISBN: 0324319037 Publishers: South-Western College Pub.

Chapters to be covered in the syllabus:

Ch.4, Ch.10-13, 15-18, 20-23.

Grading:

20% for attendance, 20% on assignments, 20% on the mid-term exam and 40% on the end-term exam. The end-term exam will cover materials from the first class to the last class.

Exam Dates:

Midterm on May 07, 2009.

End-term on June 04, 2009

Note: No make up exam will be arranged, except under documented medical emergencies.

TA for the course:

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Assignments:

There will be 4 assignments. Assignments must be handed over by the deadline. Late submission will attract penalty. TA will grade the assignments. Assignments and deadlines will be announced in due course.
