COURSE SYLLABUS
ECON 2301 Principles of Economics, Macroeconomics
CRN 11385 Summer I, 2014 Semester
Room 608 Katy Campus, Northwest College HCCS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a university-equivalent, college sophomore “Principles” level course in Macroeconomics. The course curriculum places specific economy-wide emphasis on capitalistic theory, supply and demand analysis, unemployment, inflation, national income accounting, the U.S. banking system, monetary policy, fiscal policy, international trade, competing schools of economic thought and economic policy alternatives.

REQUIRED COURSE TEXTBOOK:

HCC Book Store Purchase
The textbook packet can be purchased at both the HCC Katy Campus and Spring Branch Campus Book Stores.

Once you have purchased the required textbook packet and have the pass code in hand you must perform an initial online registration process to use the CONNECT online tutorial. Use the URL your professor makes available to you on the first day of class to do so. CONNECT Registration

Online Textbook Packet Purchase
An electronic version of the textbook and access to the CONNECT tutorial is available online at a much-reduced price. Use the URL your professor makes available to you on the first day of class to perform this online purchase of the “e-version” of the text and the CONNECT passcode.

NOTE WELL: NO OTHER TEXTBOOK CAN BE USED TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE.

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REQUIRED ONLINE TUTORIAL: In addition to the required textbook students taking this course will also use the CONNECT adaptive learning software package. This software is absolutely required because:

- All semester chapter assignments and exercises are performed online on the CONNECT platform (completion of these is NOT part of your final grade calculation.)

- All tests and the final exam are performed online on the CONNECT platform.

- The initial online registration process for CONNECT requires that you provide a valid and current email address. You are totally responsible for regularly checking this provided email address for messages from your professor.

COURSE FORMAT:

NOTE WELL: For ALL chapters covered in this course students are fully expected to:

1) Read all parts of the textbook chapter;

2) Complete end-of-chapter questions and exercises in the textbook. (These are NOT to be turned in as part of calculating your final course grade.)

3) Access and thoroughly complete all chapter LEARNSMART modules AND assignment exercises in CONNECT

4) Access and use the available PowerPoint documents in CONNECT

5) Access and refer to Chapter Learning Objectives in CONNECT

6) Access and view available CONNECT videos and YouTube clips

7) Complete all Self Quizzes and Tests in the CONNECT tutorial. These may be found in the CONNECT program’s Library Menu.

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**FINAL COURSE GRADE DETERMINATION:** All tests and the final exam are made up entirely of multiple-choice questions and are administered ONLINE on the CONNECT platform.

Test # 1 - 33.33 % of your final course grade – See the course syllabus calendar for dates, times, and chapters covered on each test.

Test # 2 – 33.33 % of your final course grade – See the course syllabus calendar for dates, times, and chapters covered on each test.

Final Exam – 33.33 % of your final course grade – See the course syllabus calendar for dates, times, and chapters covered on the final exam.

**NOTE VERY WELL:**
Completion of all of the CONNECT chapter exercises, assignments, and related activity are extremely important to your successful completion of the course. However, only your test and final exam scores will be used to calculate your final grade in the course.

**MISSED TEST POLICY/ MISSED CONNECT ASSIGNMENTS POLICY:**
All tests and the final exam are to be administered online during time sensitive “windows” throughout the semester.

The first time you miss a test for whatever reason, you will be given the opportunity to make up the test at the end of the semester during the week of final examinations.

The second time you miss a test for whatever reason, a final grade of “FX” will be assigned at the end of the semester. There are no exceptions to this missed test policy. Please do not ask for any exceptions.

**CONNECT ASSIGNMENTS** – These are very important to your successful completion of this course. - ALL assignments should be completed for all chapters.
CLASS “ATTENDANCE” AND COURSE ACTIVITY: The State of Texas requires that tax-funded community colleges and universities record and submit student attendance. Besides physical attendance during class times throughout the semester all of the following constitute required “attendance” and required course activity:

1. Performing an initial registration process for the CONNECT online tutorial;
2. Completing all posted chapter assignments, exercises, and sample quizzes in the CONNECT online tutorial’s LearnSmart component;
3. Accessing and reviewing all of the available CONNECT program’s chapter PowerPoint presentations, Learning Objectives, and sample quizzes and
4. Taking all scheduled tests and the final exam online on the CONNECT course tutorial. (See test dates, times, and chapters covered on each test in the course syllabus calendar.)

Any two-weeks of course INactivity on the CONNECT tutorial at any time or for any reason during the semester will result in you being assigned a final course grade of “FX”.

Students who fail to initially register themselves onto the CONNECT platform by the end of the second week of the semester will, at that time, be withdrawn from the course and be assigned a final grade of “FX” for the semester. No exceptions.

The textbook publisher provides a 17-day free use “grace period” for the CONNECT platform for financially strapped students. If you do not pay for the passcode before the grace period, the publisher will block your use of the CONNECT platform.

NOTE WELL: I WILL NOT DEVOTE ANY TIME OR EFFORT TO STUDENTS WHO MISS MORE THAN THREE (3) CLASS PERIODS. The State of Texas considers your actual attendance in this course as very important. As such, after you miss the third class period for whatever reason you will be assigned a final course grade of “FX” in this course. I dutifully record all class attendance and absences.
COURSE GRADE OF “FX” CONSEQUENCES:

Total responsibility for withdrawing oneself from this course lies with the student. Failure to drop before the last drop date may result in a final grade of “FX”. This grade may result in you:

1) Losing your F-1 Status (international students) and/or
2) Refunding any Financial Aid or U.S. Veteran’s Administration disbursements.

Should you decide to simply stop attending class without taking the time to withdraw yourself you will be assigned a final grade of “FX” at the end of the semester.

Students are totally responsible for withdrawing themselves from the course before the last drop date: June 23, 2014 at 4:30 PM.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the appropriate HCC Disability Support Service (DSS) Counselor at the beginning of each semester. Faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office.

After student accommodation letters have been approved by the DSS office and submitted to DE Counseling for processing, students will receive an email confirmation informing them of the Instructional Support Specialist assigned to their professor. For questions, contact The Disability Counselor for HCC-Northwest - Mahnaz Kolaini, 713-718-5422. To visit the ADA Web site, log on to www.hccs.edu, click <Future Students>, scroll down the page and click on the link <Disability Information>

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT

All students are required to follow all HCC Policies & Procedures, the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Handbook, and relevant sections of the Texas Education Code when interacting and communicating in a lecture or a virtual classroom with faculty and fellow students. Students who violate these policies and guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action that could include denial of access to course-related email, discussion groups, and chat rooms or being removed from the class.

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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

The HCCS Student Handbook defines a number of behaviors that constitute violation of the HCCS Academic Dishonesty policy. Disposition of all academic dishonesty incidents will be carried out in a manner as described in the Student Handbook. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the specific provisions of the HCCS Academic Dishonesty Policy provisions including the following sanctions:

1) Dismissal and or suspension from HCCS;
2) A final grade of “F” in the course and
3) An appropriate notation on the student’s HCCS permanent record.

I abhor cheating, lying, and other deceitful behavior whether it exists in the workplace or in the academic or online classroom. I will enforce the HCCS Academic Dishonesty Policy.

Course Calendar follows on the next page.................................
Week 1 June 2 – June 8
Perform Initial / required CONNECT registration.
Chapter 1: Economics: The Core Issues
Chapter 2: The U.S. Economy: A Global View
Chapter 3: Supply and Demand
Chapter 4: The Role of Government
Chapter 5: National Income Accounting

TEST 1 – Online on the CONNECT Platform from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM Friday June 6, 2014 over Chapters 1-5.

Week 2 June 9 – June 15
Chapter 6. Unemployment
Chapter 7: Inflation
Chapter 8: The Business Cycle
Chapter 9: Aggregate Demand
Chapter 10: Self-Adjustment or Instability?

TEST 2 - Online on the CONNECT Platform from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM Friday June 13, 2014 over Chapters 6-10.

Week 3 June 16 – June 22
Chapter 11: Fiscal Policy
Chapter 12: Deficits and Debt
Chapter 13: Money and Banks
Chapter 14: The Federal Reserve System
Chapter 15: Monetary Policy

Week 4 June 23 – June 29
Chapter 16: Supply-Side Policy
Chapter 35: International Trade
Chapter 36: International Finance

Week 5 June 30 – July 2
FINAL EXAM  Online on the CONNECT Platform from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Wednesday July 2, 2014 over Chapters 11-16; 35 and 36.

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