

Discipline/Program: Economics
Course Title: Macroeconomics
Course Rubric and Number: ECON 2301
Semester with Course Reference Number (CRN): Fall 2011 Semester, CRN 53842
Course Location/Times: AM308, Southeast Campus Fri 5:30 – 9:30
Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 4 Hours, Lecture
Course Contact Hours: 48 Contact Hours
Course Continuing Education Units (CEU): 0
Course Length (number of weeks): 12 week
Type of Instruction: Lecture
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Course Description: Introduction to the principles, models & policy applications of modern economic theory
Course Prerequisites: Must be placed into college level reading & writing (0310/0349 or higher) & Math(0308 or higher)
Course Goal: Students will analyze the domestic fiscal and monetary policies.
Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be able to explain the mechanics and effectiveness of the market mechanism in allocating resources. 2. Students will be able to explain the business cycle. 3. Students will interpret government economic data and analyze the economic conditions.
Learning objectives:
The student will develop an understanding of:
The role of government policy as it affects the business cycle.
The role of money, the Federal Reserve and the banking system in promoting economic growth and stability.
Economic instability in the form of the business cycle, unemployment and inflation.
The major factors affecting long run economic growth and

productivity.

The public sector's role in the economy.

SCANS Skills:

Texas Colleges must demonstrate that the Basic Intellectual Core Competencies are incorporated into all Core courses. This course addresses the competencies in the following ways:

- Reading: The Textbook, alternative web sites, and the readers will provide the basis for Section Exams, Chapter Essays, and the Final Exam.
- Writing: Students will write all responses to their selected Chapter Essays, and will conduct most communication with the instructor through the typewritten word. Students will write two historical research papers and answer essay questions.
- Speaking: Students may phone the instructor for supplemental information or clarification of assignments as needed. Students working in collaboration with other students on chapter assignments will have the opportunity to develop their speaking proficiency.
- Listening: Students working in collaboration with other students on chapter assignments will have the opportunity to develop and practice their listening skills. Students will also practice critical listening from audio and video materials.
- Critical Thinking: Many of the Chapter Essays and essay questions on the Final Exam will contain questions and problems that will require higher-level, "critical" thinking skills to solve successfully.
- Computer Literacy: Web-based courses such as this one require significant computer literacy from the students, who must be proficient at navigating the web, sending and receiving Email, participating in threaded discussions, and using online testing procedures.

Course Calendar:

Unit 1: Ch 1 - 4

Introduction to Economics

Unit 2: Ch 5 & 6	Applications & Macroeconomics
Unit 3: Ch 7	Unemployment & GDP
Unit 4: Ch 8	Aggregate Demand Exam 1
Unit 4: Ch 9 - 10	Classical & Keynesian Macroeconomics
Unit 5: Ch 11	Fiscal Policy
Unit 6: Ch 12 - 13	Financial System & Federal Reserve
Unit 7: Ch 14	Exam 2 Fiscal Policy, Money & Banking
UNIT 9: Ch 15	Monetary Policy
UNIT 10: Ch 18 - 19	Current Financial Crisis & Government Role

FINAL EXAM: DEC 16, 2011

Last Drop Day: November 11

Instructional Methods: Lecture Notes, PowerPoint Presentations, Major Exams, Semester Writing Assignment, Solutions worked to assigned problems

Student Assignments: Paper on current economic issues, Financial computations and exams with writing portions.

Student Assessments: 2 regular exams, a final exam, online homework and economic issues papers. Each test will have 40 multiple choice questions (worth 80% of the test grade) and 2-4 short answers (worth 20% of the test grade). Final is comprehensive.

Instructional Materials:

- Economics, 10 edition, Roger A. Arnold (Southwestern)

HCC Policy Statements:

ADA: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

any student with a documented disability, (i.e. physical, learning, psychiatric, visual, hearing, etc) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the disability services office at the respective college at the beginning of each semester. Faculty are authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the disability services office. The counselor for Southeast College can be reached at 713-718-7218.

Academic Honesty:

Academic irregularities cannot be tolerated. Attempts to compromise the integrity of this course will result in a grade of **zero** for the assignment or dismissal from the class. Students **must not collaborate on the exams in any way** (including the use of materials from former students) and **must not copy material from any source to use as their essay answers or discussion contributions**. See the HCCS Student Handbook for details.

Cheating is not that hard to define and as college students, you should have a firm idea about what cheating is. Just to be clear, here are a few simple definitions:

- Cheating is: Copying from another student's exam.
- Cheating is: During a exam, using materials not authorized by the person giving the exam.
- Cheating is: Collaborating with another student during a exam without proper authority.
- Cheating is: Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an exam or paper.
- Cheating is: Bribing another person to obtain a copy of an exam.
- Cheating is: [Plagiarism](#) which means using *someone's work or someone's ideas* and representing them to be your own. That "someone" may be another student, a friend, a relative, a book author, an author of material on a web site, etc. Do not take material from anywhere without giving proper credit or reference. In other words, do not copy from an Internet source and paste it into your essay answer space.
- Cheating is: Collusion, which means the *unauthorized* collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit when you represent that work to be your own.

The Semester Writing Assignment will be submitted to TurnItIn.com which is a service HCCS subscribes to for identifying plagiarized material.

In this class, the standard penalty for academic dishonesty is a grade of zero on the assignment. The penalty for gross plagiarism and cheating on exams is failure in the course. Depending on severity and frequency, academic dishonesty can lead to a recommendation for probation or dismissal from the College System.

If you ever have any question about what is cheating, what is plagiarism or what is unauthorized collusion, please contact your instructor before you do anything or submit anything. It is much better to ask first than to get caught later.

Student Attendance:

You are expected to attend all lecture classes and labs regularly. You are also responsible for materials covered during your absences. Instructors may be willing to consult with you for make-up assignments, but it is your responsibility to contact the instructor.

Class attendance is checked daily. Although it is your responsibility to drop a course for nonattendance, the instructor has the authority to drop you for excessive absences.

You may be dropped from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5 percent of the total hours of instruction (lecture and lab).

For example:

- For a three credit-hour lecture/lab course meeting four hours per week (48 hours of instruction), you can be dropped after 6 hours of absence.

3-peaters:

NOTICE: Students who take a course more than twice face significant tuition/fee increases at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor / counselor about opportunities for tutoring/other assistance prior to considering course withdrawal or if you are not receiving passing grades.

The Texas State Legislature has begun to impose penalties on students who drop courses excessively. In 2007, the Legislature passed a law limiting students to no more than 6 total course withdrawals throughout their academic career in obtaining a baccalaureate degree. To help students avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your instructor will “alert” you and HCC student services of the chance you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performances. You should visit with your instructor, a counselor, or HCC online Student Services to learn about your options.

Students **MUST** visit with a faculty advisor, a counselor, or online student services prior to withdrawal from class. If a withdrawal is to be given, this must be done prior to November 11 at 4:30pm. After that date and time, students will no longer be allowed to drop and will receive the grade that they earned. Any remaining assignments

not submitted will receive a zero; thus, students will be subject to receiving an F for the class. Faculty will NO longer be allowed to give Ws on the final grade sheet; any faculty who wishes to withdraw a student will be required to process the drop BEFORE November 11 at 4:30pm.

Withdrawal Deadline:

It is your responsibility to withdraw officially from a class and prevent an "F" from appearing on your transcript. When considering withdrawal from a course, remember that:

- No grade is given and your transcript reflects no record of the course if you withdraw before the Official Date of Record (October 6).
- A "W" (indicating withdrawal) appears on your transcript if you drop a course after the Official Date of Record and before the final deadline.
- The final deadline to drop the course is November 11.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Receiving a W in a course may affect the status of your student Visa. Once a W is given for the course, it will not be changed to an F because of the visa consideration. Since January 1, 2003, International Students are restricted in the number of distance education courses that they may take during each semester. ONLY ONE online/distance education class may be counted towards the enrollment requirement for International Students per semester. Please contact the International Student Office at 713-718-8520 if you have any questions about your visa status and other transfer issues.

Student Course Reinstatement Policy: Students have a responsibility to arrange payment for their classes when they register, either through cash, credit card, financial aid, or the installment plan. Faculty members have a responsibility to check their class rolls regularly, especially during the early weeks of a term, and reconcile the official class roll to ensure that no one is attending class whose name does not appear on the rolls. Students who are dropped from their courses for non-payment of tuition and fees, who request reinstatement after the official date of record (OE date), can be reinstated by making payment in full and paying an additional \$75 per course reinstatement fee. A student requesting reinstatement should present the registrar with a completed Enrollment Authorization Form with the signature of the instructor, the department

chair, or the dean, who should verify that the student has been regularly attending class. Students who are reinstated are responsible for all course policies and procedures, including attendance requirements. A dean may waive the reinstatement fee upon determination that the student was dropped because of a college error. The dean should note the nature of the error in a memo to the registrar with the appropriate documentation.

Instructor Requirements: 3 exams, current economic issue papers, and other assignments

Program/Discipline Requirements: A minimum of 50% of the student's semester average must come from writing assignments.

HCC Grading Scale:

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = 59 and below

Instructor Grading Criteria : The semester grade will be calculated by:

2 tests	30%
Final exam (comprehensive)	40%
Writing assignments	20%
Online assignment	10%

** Extra-credit consisting of a 5 page Research Paper will add 5 points to your final grade.

“This syllabus is meant as a guide and is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. If there are any changes made, the student will be notified in a timely manner.”