

Econ 2 - Introductory Macroeconomics: Aggregate Economic Activity

Summer 2018

Class meets: TuTh 09:00AM - 12:30AM, in J Baskin Engineering 2, room 192

Website: <https://canvas.ucsc.edu/courses/14960>

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Discussion Sections:

Tuesday - 2pm - 3pm - Loc: Hum & Soc Sci 350

Wednesday - 10am - 11am - Loc: Hum & Soc Sci 250

Office hours:

Wednesday - 12 - 2pm, E2 403G

Course Materials:

Macroeconomics by Daron Acemoglu, David Laibson, and John A. List, 2nd edition. You will need to register to use MyLab to complete assignments. The e-textbook is also available at Pearson Learning for an additional charge. You also can use the older editions of this textbook. And we will use canvas for an online forum. Please check instructions on how to register at Pearson website to start your assignments (a step-by-step tutorial is available at Canvas page).

Course Requirements:

You will have weekly assignments to be completed using Pearson Lab at <https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/myeconlab/>. The assignment deadline displays on the Pearson Lab. Please check the detail and **DO NOT MISS A DEADLINE**. For help using the website and completing the assignment, please attend section with your Teaching Assistant, Zijing. The assignments will be accepted only if submitted online.

The assignment portion of the course will be worth 20% of your final grade, so it is important that you keep up with assignments. In addition, you will have seven quizzes during lectures. Each quiz will contain couple multiple-choice questions and/or one to two short answers. And you will have 30 minutes to complete each quiz. The quiz portion of the course will also be worth 20% of your final grade. The lowest quiz score will be dropped. Understanding the content of quiz is important to prepare the midterm and final exam of this course. **NO MAKEUP QUIZZES EXCEPT SPECIAL REASON.**

Exams:

I will give one midterm (on August 14th, 2018) and one final exam (on August 30th). The midterm will schedule for one hour and thirty minutes. And final exam will schedule for three and half hours.

Both exams will be in the same classroom as we have the lectures (J Baskin Engineering 2, room 192). The midterm will be worth 25% of your grade. And the final will be worth 35% of your grade.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS AN EXAM! You may not reschedule an exam for any reason. The final will be comprehensive.

Teaching Assistants:

Our Teaching Assistant, Zijing, is here to help you succeed in this course. During discussion sections, the TA will go over assignments as needed, review questions from the lecture, and review practice midterm and final with you. In the summer session, we are highly possible not having time to review the practice midterm and final during the lecture. TAs office hours and session times can also be located at <https://canvas.ucsc.edu/courses/4856>.

Website:

Additional course information will be posted on the canvas website for this course. Both TA and I are available for questions related to comprehension of the material and administrative question of this course. Meanwhile, I encourage students to use the discussion forum on the canvas to answer questions among each other. To use time more efficiently, please avoid asking repeated questions. Always check the previous questions before you post new questions.

Schedule & Course Outline

This schedule (Chapter No.) will serve as a rough outline for the class. The detailed schedule of the lectures may vary depending on our progress. Please come to class to know what we cover and the content that you are responsible for on the midterm and final exam.

	Tuesday		Thursday	
Week 1	July 31st	Chapters 1,2	August 2nd	Chapters 2,3
Week 2	August 8th	Chapters 4	August 9th	Chapters 5,6
Week 3	August 14th	Chapters 7,8, MT	August 16nd	Chapters 9
Week 4	August 21st	Chapters 10,11	August 23rd	Chapters 11,12
Week 5	August 28th	Chapters 13	August 30th	Final Exam

Any expectation from this course?

Welcome to share your thoughts!