Econ 2 - Introductory Macroeconomics: Aggregate Economic Activity

Summer 2019

Class meets: TuTh 09:00AM - 12:30AM, in N. Sci Annex 102
Website: https://canvas.ucsc.edu/courses/26609

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Tuesday - 3 - 4 pm - N Sci Annex 102
Office hours: TBS

Course Materials:

Macroeconomics by Daron Acemoglu, David Laibson, and John A. List, 2nd edition. You won’t need to own the book, as I will provide notes and homeworks through Canvas. Nevertheless, it is an important source of content, so it never hurts to own it. I will leave a copy at the Reserve section in McHenry Library.

Course Requirements:

The homework portion of the course will be worth 20% of your final grade. There will be 4 homeworks through the session. 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 13th, 2019) and one final exam (on August 29th). 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 (N. Sci Annex 102). 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. TA’s office hours and session times can also be located at https://canvas.ucsc.edu/courses/26609.

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.

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Any expectation from this course?

Welcome to share your thoughts!