

University of Texas at Tyler
Department of Economics
Econ 2301-Principles of Economics I
Course Syllabus—Fall 2009

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Reading Material: (1) Hubbard, G and P O'Brien, Economics, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, 2008

Course Objectives:

The student will be able to define and measure relevant variables used in macroeconomic discussions such as gross domestic product, unemployment, inflation among others. Once the student understands how those variables are defined the student will be introduced to different schools of thought and current policy issues. The student will be able to understand the influence that economic agents and the government exert over the macroeconomic variables defined in the first section of the class. Using the knowledge and tools previously referred to in previous sentences, the student will develop the ability to use inquiry approach to trace out the likely consequences of various economic events or policies.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Last day to drop a course and receive an automatic 10/30
- Thanksgiving Holiday 11/26
- Final exam 12/17

Examination Calendar:

First Exam: (Ch19-22)	Thursday 9/24
Second Exam: (Ch 23-26)	Tuesday 10/27
Final:(Ch 27-30)	Thursday 12/17

Read Carefully:

If you miss one of the exams because of an emergency, your score will be calculated by increasing the weights on the remaining exams.

NOTE: Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to do any additional work to improve his/her grade.

Grade Scale:

A = 90+ B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 59 or less

Weighing Scheme:

First Exam	30%
Second Exam	30%
Assignments	10%
Final Exam	30%

Notes:

1. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment which is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have an opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, students are prohibited from using cellular phones or beepers, eating or drinking in class, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in, minimally, a request to leave class.
2. American with Disability ACT. "If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodation(s), please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting disability support services/accommodation(s) must provide appropriate documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. In order to assure approved services the first week of class, diagnostic, prognostic, and prescriptive information should be received 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester services are requested. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Center located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579)." Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler Web address: <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>.
3. Students are expected to have their ID's with them in class. The instructor reserves the right to ask a student to show his/her ID, especially during exams.
4. Any instance of cheating will result in an (F) for the course. The instructor reserves the right to pursue the matter further.
5. Attendance is required and the instructor will take the necessary measures to monitor it. Excessive absence (over 25% of classes) will result in (i) informing the Dean of Students to take proper action, AND (ii) lowering your final grade from A to B, from B to C, from C to D, or from D to F.
6. You will be given a grade of a zero for any test you miss until you have demonstrated valid justification for missing a scheduled exam.
7. If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to file an intent to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during her/his career at UT Tyler. (2006-08 Catalog P. 35)