

ECON 2301.002: Principles of Macroeconomics

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Instructor Information

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Course Description

This introductory course covers the scope and methodology of macroeconomics. It aims to develop an understanding of the basic principles of economics common to both macroeconomics and microeconomics, including scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost; comparative advantage and trade; supply and demand; and market equilibrium. Additionally, this Macroeconomics course reviews GDP, economic growth, the origins and nature of recessions, unemployment, and inflation, as well as monetary and fiscal policy tools used for economic stabilization.



Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ Describe basic economic concepts and principles.
- ✓ Interpret discussions, news, and articles involving economic concepts and principles.
- ✓ Explain fiscal and monetary policy tools used by the government and the Federal Reserve System.
- ✓ Discuss how the government and Federal Reserve use these policy tools to provide economic and price stability.




Grading Breakdown

Component	Weight
Exams (3 total)	45%
McGraw-Hill Connect HW	30%
Attendance/Participation	15%
Discussions (6 total)	10%

There will be weekly assignments on McGraw-Hill Connect, which make up 30% of your grade. These assignments are not timed or proctored and allow unlimited attempts. In addition, you will take three major in-class exams, scheduled approximately every four to five weeks, accounting for 45% of your grade. You will also have six online discussion assignments/activities throughout the semester (10%). Attendance, making 15% of your final grade, will be recorded through in-class activities using Wayground (Quizizz). Your overall score will be calculated based on the weighted averages of these categories. Final letter grades will be assigned according to the grading scale provided below.

Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage
A	$\geq 88\%$
B	78–87%
C	65–77%
D	50–64%
F	$\leq 49\%$

 **Make Up and Extra Credit Policy:** Exam dates are marked in the course schedule below. If you anticipate missing a test due to religious holidays, athletic team commitments, or other reasons, please inform me at the beginning of the semester. We can schedule an alternative testing date that accommodates your situation. If you miss an exam due to extenuating reasons, email me as soon as possible. I may allow you to take the test another day. If you miss an exam without an excuse, or if you don't contact me within two days after the test date to explain your situation, your grade will be a zero.


There is no make up for online assignments. You will have an entire week, from Monday to Sunday, to work on those. So, plan accordingly, and do not wait until the last minute.

I do not offer extra credit assignments. However, the assignments on McGraw-Hill Connect allow unlimited attempts, giving you the opportunity to achieve perfect scores on 30% of your final grade. Showing up to classes regularly allows you to boost your grade by another 15% in addition to helping you understand the material well and thus score high on tests. If you miss a class due to a valid excuse, let me know so I can give you alternative assignments from Connect learning system to make up your missed attendance.

Required Materials

You are required to purchase McGraw-Hill Connect, an "online course package" that includes an electronic copy of the textbook and the Connect learning system. You can purchase your "access code" from the bookstore or you can pay electronically when you register.

I will assign weekly homework assignments on M-H Connect to reinforce your class learning. In addition, you can be assigned to complete additional work from M-H Connect if you miss a class and want a make-up.

 **Course Structure:** Everything about this course will be on Canvas. We will also rely on Canvas for communication. Check it regularly for announcements or any other updated materials. Make sure you receive emails sent through Canvas. I will create weekly units under "Modules" and post the relevant course materials and assignments you must complete each week in these weekly modules.

Communication Channels

1. Canvas Messages
2. Email (include "Econ 2301" in subject)
3. Office Hours

The best way to contact me outside the classroom is to email. I will make every effort to respond to your emails promptly. I check my email several times a day during the week and less frequently on weekends. Generally, I respond within 24 hours during the week and within 48 hours on weekends (excluding holidays). I strongly encourage my students to utilize office hours. This is the time I have designated for you. You can come with any questions, ask me to go over missed questions on tests, or request clarification on a topic.

AI Policy

AI is not permitted in this course at all. I expect all work students will submit for this course to be their own. I have carefully designed all assignments and class activities to support your learning. Doing your own work, without human or artificial intelligence assistance, is best for your efforts in mastering course learning objectives. For this course, I expressly forbid using ChatGPT or any other artificial intelligence (AI) tools for any stages of the work process, including brainstorming. Deviations from these guidelines will be considered a violation of UT Tyler's Honor Code and academic honesty values.

Course Schedule Overview

*Exam days are tentative and may shift depending on class pace.

Week 1 (August 26 & 28)	Fundamentals (Part 1): Introduction to Macroeconomics and Macroeconomics, Resources, Scarcity, Opportunity Cost, Production Possibilities Frontier (PPF)
Week 2 (September 2 & 4)	Fundamentals (Part 2): Comparative Advantage, Specialization, Gains from Trade, Circular Flow Model
Week 3 (September 9 & 11)	Demand and Supply
Week 4 (September 16 & 18)	Market Equilibrium and Policy
Week 5 (September 23 & 25)	Exam 1 (Tuesday, September 23 in class) Measuring Output and Income
Week 6 (September 30 & October 2)	Economic Growth
Week 7 (October 7 & 9)	Business Cycles and Unemployment
Week 8 (October 14 & 16)	Inflation
Week 9 (October 21 & 23)	Exam 2 (Tuesday, October 21 in class) Aggregate Expenditure Models
Week 10 (October 28 & 30)	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply
Week 11 (November 4 & 6)	Fiscal Policy
Week 12 (November 11 & 13)	Money and FED
Week 14 (November 24 - 30)	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Week 13 (November 18 & 20)	Monetary Policy (limited reserves)
Week 15 (December 2 & 4)	Monetary Policy (ample reserves) Exam 3 (Thursday, December 4 in class)

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Withdrawing from Class

Students may [withdraw](#) (drop) from this course using the [Withdrawal Portal](#). Withdrawing (dropping) this course can impact your Financial Aid, Scholarships, Veteran Benefits, Exemptions, Waivers, International Student Status, housing, and degree progress. Please speak with your instructors, consider your options, speak with your advisor, and visit the One-Stop Service Center (STE 230) or email enroll@uttyler.edu to get a complete review of your student account and the possible impacts to withdrawing. We want you to make an informed decision. UT Tyler faculty and staff are here for you and often can provide additional support options or assistance. Make sure to carefully [read the implications for withdrawing from a course and the instructions](#) on using the [Withdrawal portal](#).

Texas law prohibits students from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career*. The six courses dropped include those from other 2-year or 4-year Texas public colleges and universities. Consider the impact withdrawing from this class has on your academic progress and other areas, such as financial implications. We encourage you to consult your advisor(s) and Enrollment Services for additional guidance. **CAUTION #1:** Withdrawing before census day does not mean you get a full refund. Please see the [Tuition and Fee Refund Schedule](#). **CAUTION #2:** All international students must check with the [Office of International Programs](#) before withdrawing. All international students are required to enroll full-time for fall and spring terms. **CAUTION #3:** All UT Tyler Athletes must check with the Athletic Academic Coordinator before withdrawing from a course. **CAUTION #4:** All veterans or military-affiliated students should consult with the [Military and Veterans Success Center](#).

* Students who began college for the first time before 2007 are exempt from this law.

Artificial Intelligence Statement

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy. Refer to the About This Course section of the UT Tyler Syllabus Module for specific information on appropriate use of AI in your course(s).

Final Exam Policy

Final examinations are administered as scheduled. If unusual circumstances require that special arrangements be made for an individual student or class, the Dean of the appropriate college, after consultation with the faculty member involved, may authorize an exception to the schedule. Faculty members must maintain student final examination papers for a minimum of three months following the examination date.

Incomplete Grade Policy

If a student, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete all of the requirements for a course by the end of the semester, then the instructor may recommend an Incomplete (I) for the course. The "I" may be assigned in place of a grade only when all of the following conditions are met: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all coursework or final exam due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor, and (c) the student presents these reasons before the time that the final grade roster is due. The semester credit hours for an Incomplete will not be used to calculate the grade point average. The student and the instructor must submit an Incomplete Form detailing the work required and the time by which the work must be completed to their respective department chair or college dean for approval. The time limit established must not exceed one year. Should the student fail to meet all of the work for the course within the time limit, then the instructor may assign zeros to the unfinished work, compute the course average for the student, and assign the appropriate grade. If a grade has yet to be assigned within one year, then the Incomplete will be changed to an F, or NC. If the course was initially taken under the CR/NC grading basis, this may adversely affect the student's academic standing.

Grade Appeal Policy

Disputes regarding grades must be initiated within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving the final course grade by filing a Grade Appeal Form with the instructor who assigned the grade. A grade appeal should be used when the student thinks the final course grade awarded does not reflect the grades earned on assessments or follow the grading scale as documented in the syllabus. The student should provide the rationale for the grade appeal and attach supporting document about the grades earned. The form should be sent via email to the faculty member who assigned the grade. The faculty member reviews the rationale and supporting documentation and completes the instruction section of the form. The instructor should return the form to the student, even if a grade change is made at this level. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, the student may appeal in writing to the Chairperson of the department from which the grade was issued. In situations where there is an allegation of capricious grading, discrimination, or unlawful actions, appeals may go beyond the Chairperson to the Dean or the Dean's designee of the college from which the grade was issued, with that decision being final. The Grade Appeal form is found in the [Registrar's Form Library](#).

NOTE: The Grade Appeal Form is different from the Application for Appeal form submitted to the Student Appeals Committee, which does not rule on grade disputes as described in this policy.

Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler/> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with the Assistant Director Student Accessibility and Resources/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <https://www.uttyler.edu/disability-services>, the SAR office located in the Robert Muntz Library, LIB 460, email saroffice@uttyler.edu, or call 903.566.7079."

Military Affiliated Students

UT Tyler honors the service and sacrifices of our military-affiliated students. If you are a student who is a veteran, on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard, or a military spouse or dependent, please stay in contact with your faculty member if any aspect of your present or prior service or family situation makes it difficult for you to fulfill the requirements of a course or creates disruption in your academic progress. It is important to make your faculty member aware of any complications as far in advance as possible. Your faculty member is willing to work with you and, if needed, put you in contact with university staff who are trained to assist you. The [Military and Veterans Success Center \(MVSC\)](#) has campus resources for military-affiliated students. The MVSC can be reached at MVSC@uttyler.edu or via phone at 903.565.5972.

Students on an F-1 Visa

To remain in compliance with Federal Regulations requirements you must do the following:

- Traditional face-to-face classes: Attend classes on the regular meeting days/times.
- Hybrid Classes: Attend all face-to-face classes convened by the instructor according to the schedule set for your specific course.
- Online course: Only one online course can count toward your full-time enrollment. Students are expected to be fully engaged and meet all requirements for the online course.

Academic Honesty and Academic Misconduct

The UT Tyler community comes together to pledge that "Honor and integrity will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do." Therefore, we enforce the [Student Conduct and Discipline policy](#) in the Student Manual Of Operating Procedures (Section 8).

FERPA

UT Tyler follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as noted in [University Policy 5.2.3](#). The course instructor will follow all requirements to protect your confidential information.

Absence for Official University Events or Activities

This course follows the practices related to [Excused Absences for University Events or Activities](#) as noted in the Catalog.

Absence for Religious Holidays

This course follows the practices related to [Excused Absences for Religious Holy Days as noted in the Catalog](#).

Absence for Pregnant Students

This course follows the requirements of Texas Laws SB 412, SB 459, SB 597/HB 1361 to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students. Part of the supports afforded pregnant students includes excused absences. Faculty who are informed by a student of needing this support should make a referral to the Parenting Student Liaison. NOTE: Students must work with the Parenting Student Liaison in order to receive these supports. Students should reach out to the Parenting Student Liaison at parents@uttyler.edu and also complete the [Pregnant and Parenting Self-Reporting Form](#).

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Resources to assist you in this course

- [UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource \(SAR\) Office](#) (provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning)
- [UT Tyler Writing Center](#)
- [The Mathematics Learning Center](#)
- [UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center](#)
- [UT Tyler Supplemental Instruction](#)
- [Upswing \(24/7 online tutoring\) - covers nearly all undergraduate course areas](#)
- [Robert Muntz Library](#) and [Library Liaison](#)
- [Canvas 101](#) (learn to use Canvas, proctoring, Unicheck, and other software)
- LIB 422 -- Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam
- [The Career Success Center](#)
- [UT Tyler Testing Center](#)
- [Office of Research & Scholarship Design and Data Analysis Lab](#)

Resources available to UT Tyler Students

- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) (available to all students)
- [My SSP App](#) (24/7 access to Student Support Program counseling through phone or chat and online wellness resources available in a variety of languages)
- [Student Assistance and Advocacy Center](#)
- [Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (supports for all of our military-affiliated students)
- [UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#)
- [UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [UT Tyler Student Business Services](#) (pay or set up payment plans, etc.)
- [UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#)
- [Office of International Programs](#)
- [Title IX Reporting](#)
- [Patriots Engage](#) (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)