ECON 2020-001, Principles of Macroeconomics

Summer May 15th, - June 19th, 2012

Class Time: Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm – 9:00pm; Room BUC 305

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Required Text: Principles of Microeconomics, 10th edition, by Karl E. Case, Ray C. Fair & Sharon M. Oster. ISBN-10: 0-13-139149-6.

Course Objectives: This course will cover the fundamental principles of macroeconomic theory and application in the context of historical as well as present day national and international economic issues. Introductory models such as law of supply & demand, and market equilibrium will be followed by the core of macroeconomic foundations including employment, growth, inflation, national income accounting, aggregate supply/demand, fiscal policy, monetary policy, banking, financial intermediation of capital markets, and international trade. Throughout the course, class discussion will revolve around relevant government policy, institutional structure, and alternative views of long run economic growth and stability. The purpose of the course is to prepare students for further study in social science fields such as business, economics, law and public policy.

Grades: Assignments 30%
Midterm Exam 30%
Final Exam 40%

93-100	A	76-78	C+
89-92	A-	73-75	C
86-88	B+	69-72	C-
83-85	В	60-68	D
79-82	B-	59 and below	F

Exam format will be multiple choice and/or short answer. Incompletes and/or make up exams will be considered only in the case of medical emergency. If you are already know that you will not be able to attend any of the exams please let me know by May 24.

Disability Policy: The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services (CDS), 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

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~ May 31st: Midterm Exam (6-8 pm)

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~ June 5th: Chapter 10

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~ June 19th: Final Exam (6pm-9pm)

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*This is a preliminary syllabus; I reserve the right to make changes with respect to the content and timing if necessary during the course term.