

## **Principles of Macroeconomics**

ECON 2101-021

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### **Textbook**

McConnell and Brue, *Macroeconomics*: 17 Edition, McGraw Hill Irwin (See Homework section for textbook's partner website access codes information)

**MORE BOOK AND HOMEWORK INFORMATION, UPDATEED SYLLABUS AND OTHER COURSE RELATED INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN CLASS SESSIONS, ON THE BLACKBOARD SITE, OR BY E-MAIL.**

### **Course Description**

Principles of Economics-Macro. Scope and Methodology of Economics as a social science, the measurement of national income, the theory of national income determination, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, and international economics.

### **Course Objectives**

As a result of this course, each student will learn basic economic concepts and receive an introduction to real-world applications for macroeconomics. Additionally, ECON 2101 is one of the courses that can be used to meet the requirement of the University's Social Sciences (Part II. Inquiry in the Sciences) of General Education Requirements. The social sciences courses introduce students to the methods of the social sciences and to the applications of these methods for gaining a scientific understanding of the social world.

### **Blackboard**

The Blackboard site for this course is available at <http://bbvista.uncc.edu/>. It will contain Power Point slides used for lectures as well as other course related materials. Note that the lecture slides are an outline of material covered in class and will not contain everything done in class. In addition, discussion boards will be used to answer questions pertinent to the entire class. Any announcements for the course will be posted on the Blackboard site, and students are responsible for checking on at least a weekly basis. UNC Charlotte student email is the only email that will be used for course communication. Students are responsible for checking their UNC Charlotte student email for other important communication.

### **Calculators**

Students may use calculators on exams as long as they do not have an alphabetic keypad. No personal computers and phones of any type will be permitted.

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated by The Belk College of Business Administration or the instructor. Students are expected to be familiar with the university's academic integrity policy. This policy can be found online at <http://www.legal.uncc.edu/policies/ps-105.html>. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Violations will be dealt with in the manner specified by the most recent edition of the UNC-Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity.

Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by

academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to F. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

### **Statement on Diversity**

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

### **Grading Policy**

3 Tests	–	21.25%, 21.25%, 21.25%
Final Exam	–	21.25%
Homework	–	15%

Grades will be assigned on the basis of scores on the following scale:

- A, 90 -100
- B, 80-89
- C, 70-79
- D, 60-69
- F, below 60

Test scores will NOT be rounded up. Rounding of final course averages only will follow the standard practice (only .5 or above will be rounded up to the next whole number). Thus 79.5 is a B. A 79.4 is not.

### **Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend, to arrive on time and to stay the entire class period. However, roll will not be taken. In class I may give course related information and materials that are not available on the Blackboard or the textbook's partner website (Homework Manager, etc). When missing class, it is the student's responsibility for all information and materials presented in class, and are expected to obtain course information, class notes and assignments from other students in the class. In other words, your primary source of information is the classroom – if something is announced in class I am under no obligation to also post that information online or notify the class via e-mail. You will find options for e-mailing classmates under the 49er Express link for this course.

Promptness and appropriate classroom decorum is expected. Frequent tardiness or disruptive classroom behavior may result in a substantial grade penalty at the discretion of the instructor. Any use of cell phones during class is disruptive and will not be tolerated. Students may not use cell phones during an exam.

### **Test/Exam Policy & Requirements**

Tests and final exam grades constitute 85% of the final grade. Each test will be comprised of multiple choice or/and true false questions. Answers will be recorded on OpScan answer sheets which are available at the Campus Bookstore and will not be provided by the instructor. Students must have one OpScan answer sheet for each test and for the final exam for a total of four (4). OpScan answer sheets are a full sheet (8.5"x11") not a half sheet Scantron. In addition, Students should be prepared for the tests by bringing a calculator and pencils and a good eraser to class on test days to record answers on the sheet. Test grades will be made available on Blackboard.

UNC Charlotte student ID cards will be checked during each test and the final exam. Students must bring and present their student id cards during each exam.

A student who begins a test or exam late will not be given extra time at the end of the regular test or examination period.

### **Missed Exams**

**You must take exams on the scheduled day or you will receive a zero. No exams will be given before a scheduled exam.** Syllabus dates for exams are subject to change. Make-up exams will not be given barring extreme circumstances. You must provide documentation of the reason for absence by a medical doctor or appropriate UNC-Charlotte official. A

student who misses a test must notify the instructor via email within 48 hours. No make-up provision is available for tests missed due to oversleeping, lack of preparation, vacation, social events (including weddings), traffic, etc.

### **Homework**

Homework constitutes 15% of the final grade. **Required homework assignments will be completed and submitted through the textbook's partner website. Access codes are provided with the purchase of the course book.** If you purchased a used book, or one from an online source that did not provide online access codes, the code can be purchased when you access the website. I will provide information about accessing the Homework Manager system when class begins or before class begins by email.

The assignments are intended to help you learn and review the course. Students are encouraged to work in groups to complete and understand homework assignments. For additional practice, questions are available at the end of each chapter. The key to not being overwhelmed and stressed by the homework is to keep current, handle it in small bites. The worst mistake students make is to wait until the last minute to try and cram in several chapters of homework questions. **I will not be extending any deadlines for any reason.**

### **Extra Credit**

There may be occasional opportunities to earn extra credit points. These opportunities will typically not be announced in advance. If they are in-class assignments or quizzes, they will be made available only to the students that are present in class that day.

### **CLASS SCHEDULE (Tentative)**

This outline is tentative. We will use it as a guide only. We'll regularly update our schedule throughout the semester

Date	Topic
Monday, July 6, 2009	Syllabus, Introduction, Chapter 1 etc.
Tuesday, July 7, 2009	Chapter 1
Wednesday, July 8, 2009	Chapter 1, Chapter 2
Thursday, July 9, 2009	Chapter 2
Friday, July 10, 2009	Chapter 3
Monday, July 13, 2009	<b>TEST 1</b>
Tuesday, July 14, 2009	Chapter 3
Wednesday, July 15, 2009	<b>Last Day to Withdraw from a Course and Retain Others , Chapter 3</b>
Thursday, July 16, 2009	Chapter 6
Friday, July 17, 2009	Chapter 6
Monday, July 20, 2009	Chapter 7
Tuesday, July 21, 2009	Chapter 7
Wednesday, July 22, 2009	Chapter 8
Thursday, July 23, 2009	<b>TEST 2</b>
Friday, July 24, 2009	Chapter 10
Monday, July 27, 2009	Chapter 10
Tuesday, July 28, 2009	Chapter 11
Wednesday, July 29, 2009	Chapter 11
Thursday, July 30, 2009	Chapter 12
Friday, July 31, 2009	Chapter 12
Monday, August 3, 2009	Chapter 13

Tuesday, August 4, 2009	<b>TEST 3</b>
Wednesday, August 5, 2009	Chapter 14
Thursday, August 6, 2009	Chapter 14
Friday, August 7, 2009	Chapter 18, Chapter 19
<b>Monday, August 10, 2009</b> <b>8:00am-11:00am</b> (Subject to change)	<b>Final Exam (Cumulative)</b>