

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Semester: Fall 2008
Instructor: M. Seelye

Department & Number: Economics 1A
Title of Course: Principles of Economics(Macro)

Prerequisites: Reading Level II

Catalog Description: This course parallels introductory courses in economics in universities and colleges. Recommended for majors in economics, business, or social science. Course centers around macroeconomics, which is the study of aggregates of firms, households, prices, wages and income.

Text: Economics: A Self-Teaching Guide, 2nd ed.: Slavin
Supplementary Text: Current Views of Macroeconomic Issues: Seelye
1 packet of Scan Tron forms No. 882 (scored forms will not be returned)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES: General Aims:

1. to understand the basic economic concepts and principles that govern our economy
2. to develop the ability to understand and use economic terminology correctly
3. to become familiar with the various aspects of the business cycle and the various solutions used to counter act cyclical problems
4. to understand the characteristics of market and command economics

Specific Objectives:

1. The student will analyze the market conditions that are responsible for change in supply, demand and equilibrium levels.
2. The student will evaluate various governmental interventions in the economy done to solve problems of externalities, employment, and economic stability.
3. The student will compare and contrast Classical, Keynesian, Monetarist and other employment theories.
4. The student will solve problems related to the national accounts and the various multipliers that effect the economy.
5. The student will synthesize information from reading assignments, class lectures and class discussions in the evaluation of economic events from the past and the present.

EVALUATION: The student will be graded on section exams, writing assignments, a final exam and other assignments as established by the instructor.

A written assignment is a part of this class. You will be expected to write short critical position papers (3) dealing with various aspects of economic theory and how it relates to the real world. These assignments will be explained and the information necessary to complete the papers distributed separately in class.

There will be several midterms and a comprehensive final. I DO NOT GIVE MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS unless arrangements have been made prior to the exam. I use a modified percentage curve, which will be explained in full after the first test. An information sheet will be distributed at that time.

NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to make changes in assignments and grading procedures when, in his opinion, it is to the benefit of the class.

"This course requires a minimum of 3 hours per week for each unit of credit, including class time."

(California State Education Code Title V, 55002)

Last day to drop without a "W" 9/12/08 _____
Last day to drop with a "W" 11/17/08 _____

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College Catalog "Student Responsibilities" Section 5: "If a student decides to drop a course, it is the student's responsibility to file immediately a "Program Change" with the Registration Office. As a matter of courtesy and to assist the instructor in maintaining accurate class records, the student should also inform the instructor of the decision to drop the course."

Attendance:

Much of the material in this class comes from lecture. Experience has shown that those in attendance perform higher on exams. I expect people to be on time. Attendance is taken in the first five minutes of class. Those that are late without an excuse, will be treated as absent for the day. Repeated absences of any type will result in the student being dropped.

Likewise, leaving class early without the courtesy of first asking the instructor is be counted as an absence. A person may be dropped by the instructor for repeated attendance violations.

Cell Phones and Beepers

Courtesy requires that you turn your phones and beepers off prior to class. If the instructor has to ask a student to turn their phone off repeatedly, they will be asked to leave the class.

Talking In Class

Please refrain from talking in class; others may be interested in learning about the topic under discussion. If you have to discuss something, **DON'T BOTHER COMING TO CLASS**. Repeated infractions will result in **EXPULSION** from the class. I have no tolerance for discourteous people.