

## Introductory Macroeconomics

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### **Requirements and Organization:**

#### **I. Requirements**

1. Weekly readings
  - Students should read the weekly chapter and homework assignments before going to the weekly discussion sections
  - Occasional supplemental readings will be posted on the course web page
2. Lecture
  - Lecture is not mandatory, but exam questions will draw heavily from lecture material
3. Weekly homework
  - Homework is done on-line through [www.aplia.com](http://www.aplia.com).
  - Homework is due each Sunday before 11pm.
  - Homework is multiple-choice. Each correct answer, of the more than 200 posted on-line, is worth 1 point. Students that earn at least 100 homework points get full credit for the homework; those earning less than 100 points get a fraction of the full homework credit. There is no reward for earning more than 100 points.
4. Discussion Sections
  - Weekly Discussion Sections are not mandatory. Discussion leaders will go over some of the homework questions (ahead of their due-date) and do practice questions related to the lecture and reading material.
5. Experiments
  - There will be two on-line class-wide instructional experiments held during the regular lecture time on Wednesday, November 24. There is no need to be physically in the classroom on those dates, but students will need internet access in order to participate in the experiments.

## II. Text

Eudey, Gwen, An Introduction to Macroeconomics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition is fine), Pearson Custom Publishing, 2009.

## III. Aplia

Students must register with Aplia by following the instructions posted at the end of this syllabus. The registration fee is \$35. Students must register before the first homework due-date on Sunday, September 19.

Two on-line instructional experiments will be conducted through Aplia on Wednesday, November 24 (the day before Thanksgiving) during the regular lecture time. Homework points can be accrued in the usual way on Aplia by answering questions that relate specifically to the two experiments.

In the experiments, students will be assigned roles as either “workers” or “employers” and then will face the impact of policymaking on wages, unemployment rates, and output. The experiments are fun and do a nice job of illustrating the model from class. Students may conduct the experiments, or do the homework, from any computer with internet access (i.e. there is no need to be on campus for the experiments).

## IV. Exam Dates

There are two midterm exams, each offered during lecture time, and a two-hour final exam. **There are no makeup exams in Econ 102.**

The exam dates are:

First Midterm:

Monday, October 11, during lecture time

Second Midterm:

Monday, November 8, during lecture time

Final Exam (for all sections of Econ 102):

Friday, December 17, at 7:25pm

## V. Grading

There are two methods used to calculate the course grade; we will choose for you at the end of the term whichever method gives you the higher letter grade. Method 1 is designed to reward students that show consistent progress throughout the semester, whereas Method 2 rewards those students that show improvement by the end of the semester.

### Method 1:

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| Homework            | 10% of course grade |
| First midterm exam  | 25% of course grade |
| Second midterm exam | 25% of course grade |
| Final examination   | 40% of course grade |

### Method 2:

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| Homework            | 10% of course grade |
| First midterm exam  | 10% of course grade |
| Second midterm exam | 30% of course grade |
| Final examination   | 50% of course grade |

### **There is no extra credit available in Econ 102.**

Students can anticipate that grades will fall roughly along the following distribution:

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|----------|------------------|
| A:       | 15% of the class |
| AB:      | 18% of the class |
| B:       | 20% of the class |
| BC:      | 20% of the class |
| C:       | 18% of the class |
| D and F: | 9% of the class  |

## VI. Recommendations for Study in Econ 102

In a normal week:

- Skim the assigned reading
- Print out the weekly lecture outline (posted on the course web site) and add your notes to that outline during lecture
- Do the assigned reading
- Print out the coming week's homework assignment (or bring along your laptop) and bring it to recitation
- Check on-line for any frequently-asked questions that relate to current material
- Do the homework assignment due the following Tuesday
- Email Dr Eudey or your TA or go see them in office hours if you have any questions about the homework, recitation material, or lecture material.

In an exam week:

- Go over the homework you missed or didn't understand
- Go over the examples done in lecture; practice the reverse case
  - Do these in writing, then look over your work to make sure you didn't leave out detail.
- Go over the old exam questions posted on-line
  - Do these in writing, then grade yourself using the posted answer key to make sure you didn't leave out detail
- Don't worry about material in the text that wasn't covered either in lecture or in the homework.

## How to access your Aplia course

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Econ 102 Macroeconomics Fall 2010

Instructor: Gwen Eudey

Start Date: 08/30/2010

Course Key: S5JC-WUV2-Z8H2

You can begin working on your homework as soon as you register!

- In this course, you will use a textbook and Aplia's website.

### Registration

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com>.
2. **If you already have an account, sign in.** Go to your My Courses page, and click the *Enroll in a New Course* button.

**If you don't have an account,** click the *Create a New Account* button, and choose *Student Account*.

3. Enter your Course Key when prompted: S5JC-WUV2-Z8H2. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions to access your course.

### Payment

After you register for your course, you will have a variety of payment options. If you choose to pay later, you can use Aplia without paying until 11:59 PM on 09/19/2010.

#### Option 1: Aplia Access

- From Aplia: Purchase access to your course from the Aplia website for US\$35.00.
- From Bookstore: You may be able to purchase an Aplia Access Card from your campus bookstore.

#### Option 2: Physical Textbook with Aplia Access

- From Apla: Purchase access to your course from the Apla website for US\$35.00.
- From Bookstore: You may be able to Purchase a physical book bundled with an Apla Access Card from your campus bookstore.