

**Florida International University**  
**Department of Economics**  
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**Lecture hours:** M W 5:00 – 6:15 pm at GL 100

**Office hours:** M W 3:30 - 5:00 pm (may be subject to change). If you can't make it, an appointment can be arranged.

- **Course objective and description:**  
This course analyses general variables used in macroeconomics. You should be able to define those variables and be able to use them in problems that economists encounter in their daily lives. Basic facts about macroeconomics will be discussed in class as well as the fundamental theories in this field. This will allow you to critically think about the major macroeconomic issues. We will discuss supply and demand, trade, GDP, unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and monetary and fiscal policy.
- **Textbook:**  
The required text for the course is *Macroeconomics* by R. Glenn Hubbard and Anthony P. O'Brien/Prentice Hall Publishers/2nd edition. The Companion Website for the text is [www.prenhall.com/hubbard](http://www.prenhall.com/hubbard). Please use the companion website for practice quizzes.  
Chapters to be covered: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15.

You are responsible for reading the entire chapter and becoming familiar with the material. There may be a question or two on an exam that we only briefly covered, but is discussed in more detail in the text.

- **Exam policies:** No books, notes, problem sets, cell phones, Blackberries, laptop computers, nor any other materials may be consulted during exams. You may not wear baseball caps, any other head gear, or iPods to the exam. You must also bring your Student ID to the exam.
- **Cheating will not be tolerated.** Any student caught cheating on an exam or engaging in unethical behavior will receive a grade of F for the course and the dean will be notified and asked to pursue further action.
- **No makeup exams or quizzes will be given.** Excuses for absences from exams are limited to verifiable illness and emergencies. If the absence from a midterm exam is excused, the other exams will be appropriately re-weighted. An unexcused absence from any exam will result in a score of zero. A business-related absence does not qualify as an excused absence, but may qualify for an early make-up.
- **Grading policy:**  
There will be two midterm exams and a final exam; each mid-term exam will consist of 70 multiple choice questions and will account for 25% of the course grade. Both midterms exams will be averaged out to make a grade that will account for 50% of the course grade. The final will consist of more questions and will account for 50% of the course grade. Attendance will be randomly taken, although not mandatory. Extra points for each exams (curve) will be given according to attendance, participation, efforts and quizzes.  
1st Midterm TBA  
2nd Midterm TBA  
Final Exam TBA  
This section could be subject to change and is in no way binding until I announce it in class.
- **Course Policies:**

- Regular attendance of classes is strongly recommended. I might make some changes in exam and quiz dates and material, etc. If you somehow miss a class, it is your responsibility to know about such in-class happenings.

-Please turn your cell phones and other electronic devices off prior to entering the classroom and do not bring your laptop.

- No books, notes, problem sets, cell phones, Blackberries, laptop computers, nor any other materials may be consulted during exams. You may not wear baseball caps, any other head gear, or iPods to the exam. You must also bring your Student ID to the exam.

-The University has an honor code to ensure the academic integrity at FIU. Any student caught cheating on an exam or engaging in unethical behavior will receive a grade of F for the course and the dean will be notified and asked to pursue further action. (I am serious as a heart attack about this)

- If you forget to bubble your name or ID number in an exam, you will definitely get zero for that exam.

- Use pencil in the exams!!! If you bubble your name, ID number and the answers with a pen, you will definitely get zero for that exam.

- LAST NAME must be entered first, FIRST NAME second when you bubble your name. YOU HAVE TO USE THE SAME NAME ON ALL EXAMS. IF YOU DO NOT RESPECT THIS POLICY, I WILL CONSIDER YOU DID NOT TAKE THE EXAM.

- No late make-ups will be given. A legitimate excuse will be needed to qualify for an early make-up. A student who misses an exam or quiz due to an emergency should submit written documentation about the emergency to qualify for a 'no-grade' (no-grade means that that particular test or quiz is not counted in the calculation of the course grade). A business related absence does not qualify for a 'no-grade' but can qualify for an early make-up.

- If you have a disability and need assistance, please contact the Disability Resource Center (University Park: GC190; 305-348-3532). Upon contact, the Disability Resource Center will review your request and contact your instructor or other personnel to make arrangements for appropriate modification and/or assistance.

- If you contact me, you can expect me to respond within a day.  
Good Luck!!!