

Principles of Macroeconomics

Econ131A
Fall 2006
Classroom: KUY 303
Time: Tue & Thu 1:30-2:45pm

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Course Overview

This introductory course studies the basic principles of the overall economy. Topics include national output, price and inflation, employment, economic fluctuation and growth, international trade, and government policies. Students will learn key concepts and models with applications in the real economy.

Textbook and Course Web Site

N. Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 4th edition, Thomson South-Western.

Register at <http://www.aplia.com/> to access course materials such as the syllabus, powerpoint slides, homework assignments, and course announcements. See Appendix.

Grading

Your grade depends on a midterm (30%), a final exam (30%), and homework assignments (40%). No +/- will be used. **Note that exam time/venue is subject to change.**

Midterm: Thursday, October 12, in class

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 12, 12:00-2:00pm

Both exams are close-book and in the form of multiple-choice questions. The final exam is comprehensive. Make-up exams are only provided with legitimate medical emergence documents.

Homework is assigned through Aplia. Pay attention to the due date/time. Note I will automatically drop **two** lowest score homework. Aplia also provides math tutorial and news analysis which might be helpful.

If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please 1) contact the KOKUA Program (V/T) at 956-7511 or 956-7612 in room 013 of the QLCSS; 2) speak with me privately to discuss your specific needs. I will be happy to work with you and the KOKUA Program to meet your access needs related to your documented disability.

Appendix



Student Registration and Payment Instructions

Course Name: Econ131A: Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2006

Start Date: 08/21/2006

Professor: Xiaojun Wang

Course Key: FZRU-AA8P-H4M4

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

- In this course, you will use a textbook and a website.
 - You will save money if you buy these together.
 - You have 2 purchase options.
 - Don't buy anything until you understand your alternatives.
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Registration

Registration Instructions

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com> .
2. Click the **System Configuration Test** link below the **Sign In** and **Register** sections to make sure you can access all of the features on Aplia's website. This takes just a few seconds and tells you how to update your browser settings if necessary.
3. Return to <http://www.aplia.com> .
 - If you have never used Aplia before, click the **New Student** button to register and follow the registration instructions.
 - If you have used Aplia before, sign in with your usual e-mail address and password. If you are not prompted for a new Course Key, click the **Enter Course Key** button to enroll in a new Aplia course.
4. During registration, enter your course key: **FZRU-AA8P-H4M4**.
5. If you understand your payment options, pay now. Otherwise, postpone your purchase decision by choosing the option to pay later. Your payment grace period ends at midnight on 09/11/2006.

Payment

Option A: Pay Aplia Directly

- Purchase access to your course directly from Aplia on our website for \$60.00 USD. The website includes:
 - An online copy of your textbook.
 - Content that has been customized for your textbook and course.
- However, if you try using the online textbook and decide you would also like a physical textbook, you can order one from Aplia for \$50.00 USD plus shipping.

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Option B: Purchase at Bookstore

- Purchase a bundle from your school's bookstore, which includes:
 - An Aplia Access Card containing a Payment Code that you can enter on Aplia's website as payment for your Aplia course.
 - A physical textbook.