Econ131A, Sp’12 - Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors)

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Course Description

Macroeconomics is the science of how the overall economy performs. This class will introduce the student to the principles of macroeconomics. These principles include but are not limited to the cause and effects of inflation, unemployment, economic growth, monetary and fiscal policy, exchange rates, balance of payments, and international trade. We will also examine and differentiate between the different macroeconomic theories in recent history that have shaped the science of economics. This is classified as an honors level course, so students will be expected to be proactive in completing chapter reading in advance, so that more time may be spent on additional readings, research, and exploring the concepts and models in greater depth.

Class Resources

The following course materials are available at the university bookstore:
Text: Miller, Roger Leroy, Economics Today: The Macro View, ala Carte plus MyEconLab (Course ID#: XL0U-217K-201Y-5MK2) plus eBook.
ISBN: 055864273X

Grading Schedule

Homework & Applied
Analysis 25%
Participation/Attend 5%
Quizzes 15%
Midterms (x2) 15%
Final 15%
Course Paper 10%

FINAL EXAM: 5/8, Tuesday (Noon – 2 p.m.) in same room as lecture

I will be using the plus/minus system for assigning final grades. I reserve the right to make any changes to class policy and schedule. You will be informed of any changes that occur.

Academic Honesty

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with University of Hawaii guidelines of academic honesty may result in a failing grade in the course and further action taken by the university. Please do not attempt to test this guideline.
**Cell phones and pagers:** I respect the students’ need for communication provided the following rules are followed without exception:

1. Devices are set on vibrate or silent mode.
2. Do not answer phone in class. Please leave instead of disrupting those around you.
3. All phone conversations are to be completed before reentering class.
4. Please respect these rules so no other steps need to be taken to assure compliance.

**COURSE SCHEDULE – Spring 2012**

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Myeconlab Course Codes

Econ131A: # XL0U-217K-201Y-5MK2

To join your instructor's course, please complete the following two steps:

1. Register for MyEconLab
2. Enroll in your instructor's course

**To register, you will need:**

1. A valid e-mail address.
2. The access code that came with your MyEconLab Kit or a credit card or Pay Pal account if you wish to purchase access online.
3. The Course ID listed above.
Please Note: If you have an Access Kit that came with your book or that you purchased separately, the instructions may be different than what you are reading here. Please disregard those instructions and follow the steps below. The code in your kit is still valid for the version of MyEconLab that your instructor is using.

**Step 1: Register for MyEconLab**

1. Go to [http://www.myeconlab.com](http://www.myeconlab.com) and click the **Student** button, in the Register section.
2. Enter your Course ID: XL0U-217K-201Y-5MK2
3. Choose to **register an access code or to buy access**.
4. Follow the instructions to set up your login and password for your course.

**Note:** Australian users, your registration steps may be different from above. Please visit [http://www.myeconlab.com/download/MEL_FDOC_Australia.doc](http://www.myeconlab.com/download/MEL_FDOC_Australia.doc) for alternate instructions.

**Step 2: Enroll in your instructor's course**

1. Login to MyEconLab at [http://www.myeconlab.com](http://www.myeconlab.com) with your newly created Login Name and Password
2. Enter your course ID: XL0U-217K-201Y-5MK2.

If you purchased access, visit the **Student Center** inside your Instructor's Course for additional purchase options.

**Note:** If you are taking two MyEconLab courses simultaneously you will need two separate login accounts.

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