

**ECON 131 - Principles of Macroeconomics  
Summer Session II, 2007**

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**Required Text**

Principles of Macroeconomics (8th Edition) by Karl E. Case and Ray C. Fair.

**Course Description**

This is an introductory course that covers how the economy functions as a whole. Topics will include: national output, national income, growth, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, and others. There is no pre-requisite for this course.

**Course website**

Course materials will be posted via MyUH Portal (myuhportal.hawaii.edu). After you log in with your UH username and password, click on the “My Tools” tab on the home screen. This course should appear as a link under the “Summer 2007” semester course listing. Course documents and grades will be posted under the “Files” folder. Please check this site daily (both before & after class) for reminders, announcements and updates.

**Examinations**

The midterm and final exams are scheduled for the dates below. Please make sure that you can be present for both exams (having booked plane tickets for the exam day is not a valid excuse – you registered for this course with the knowledge that it will end on August 10<sup>th</sup>).

**THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS, AND NEITHER EXAM MAY BE TAKEN PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED DATE AND TIME.** Please plan accordingly.

**Midterm Exam is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2007.**

**Final Exam is scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2007.**

There will be unannounced short quizzes to check your attendance and that you are keeping up with the assigned materials. Three of your lowest quiz grades will be dropped from your final grade evaluation.

**Grading**

The first grading scheme will be used unless you request me to use the second or third one BEFORE the final exam. I will need your request via email. It is too late to request a different grading scheme after your final exam. There may be a short assignment for bonus marks (to be determined).

Quizzes: 20%  
Midterm: 30%  
Final: 50%

Quizzes: 20%  
Midterm: 40%  
Final: 40%

Quizzes: 10%  
Midterm: 30%  
Final: 60%

**Integrity**

Please follow the rules and guidelines of academic integrity and honesty at the University of Hawaii. Details can be found in the University of Hawaii catalog (both print and online versions).

**Special Accommodations**

If you have a disability that will require special arrangements (e.g. for exams), please contact me and also the KOKUA Program (956-7511).

**Notes**

Homework will be assigned daily: your homework will be to read assigned parts of the textbook. I may check this with a quiz any time. In general, quizzes will not be difficult, however you need to do your assigned work in order to do well on the quizzes. Keeping up with your coursework is very important, since much of the material is cumulative and may be hard to understand.

Do not hesitate to make an appointment with me if you do not understand something. You can also email me with questions. I will review FAQ during class if time allows. If you have questions about assigned materials, dates, grades and such, please check the syllabus and course website BEFORE you email me.

If you have to miss a class, it is not necessary to contact me. If you miss more than three quizzes however, it will affect your grade.

Please conduct any conversations, phone calls, music sessions, etc, OUTSIDE of class. It is distracting not only for me, but for other students. It is not enough to be physically present – you also have to pay attention.

If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions, please let me know. I will try to make this course as useful and educational as I can, and I appreciate your constructive input.