



ECON& 201 Macroeconomics Syllabus

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Course Information

Course Outcomes

Description:

Presents major theories of business cycles and economic growth. Students examine economic policies aimed "at price stability" and unemployment in an industrialized capitalist nation as well as factors in international trade and monetary flows. It may also cover the development policies of underdeveloped countries. Recommended: MATH 099 or higher, and ENGL& 101 or higher

Outcomes:

After completing this class, students should be able to:

- Acquire and critique the use of primary source statistics in assessing the health of a macroeconomy.
- Explain the relationships between economic growth, unemployment, and inflation.
- Recognize the importance of the Federal Reserve's regulatory role in money and banking.
- Evaluate the pros and cons of proposed macroeconomic stabilization policy.
- Examine factors that influence long-run growth and productivity.
- Describe how the internationalization of our economy has changed the outcomes and choices of our domestic economy.
- Critically analyze the positive and negative impacts of markets as they relate to social justice and environmental issues.
- Represent and understand economic concepts and outcomes in numerical and graphical form.

How Outcomes Will be Met

We will use a combination of group work, in-class discussions, lectures, readings (textbook and other), videos, assignments, and assessments to meet our course outcomes. We will focus on how the concepts apply to the real world through current and historical events in the US and around the world.

Grading

The best way to learn economics is by doing, not by memorizing. There will be a variety of homework assignments, exams, and activities in which students will demonstrate how they have learned to implement economic reasoning and analysis.

Grades will be assigned according to the following grading scale:'

Letter Grade	% of points earned
A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	Below 60

Grades will be based on the following weights:

Category	% of Final Grade
Attendance	5%
Team Assignments	15%
Individual Assignments	20%
Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%

Attendance

Your attendance is very important for a number of reasons: you will have a chance to practice applying what we are learning in class; you will be able to clarify concepts and ask questions as they arise; I will be able to monitor the progress of the class and adjust the pace; you will learn from your peer's contributions and questions; and your peers will learn from your contributions and questions. As such you are expected to come to every class!

In order to align your incentives to show up with my desire for you to be here, for every entire class you attend you will receive **10 (or 5) attendance points**, 1 point for every 10 minutes of class. Everybody starts the class with 10 extra points. You can think of these as a free pass, so if there's some emergency and you can't attend class, don't sweat too much.

Team Assignments

There will be a number of in-class assignments throughout the quarter, generally completed as **part of a team**. (Team selection will happen in class during the second week of the quarter.) These activities are designed for the application of economic concepts and theories to real world examples. Attendance in class and participation in the

activities are an important part of your grade. I provide one copy of the assignment per team, but the assignments are posted on Canvas if you would like to print your own copy to bring to class.

Individual Assignments

There will be a number of in-class assignments throughout the quarter that are completed individually. These might be Canvas assignments, worksheets, written essays, etc. These activities are also designed for the application of economic concepts and theories to real world examples.

To offer some more incentive to participate in class, students will have a chance to **earn Branston Bucks** to improve their grades. Students who participate in class or office hours by answering or asking questions (verbally or in writing) or who demonstrate excellent classroom behavior will earn Branston Bucks, which can be used during the final exam day to buy back points missed from the Individual Assignments score.

Quizzes

Approximately every other week you will take a brief 15 point quiz, first individually and then with a randomly assigned quiz partner. You have the option to take the quiz individually if you so desire and if you notify me before quiz partners are assigned.

Exams

There will be two exams during the quarter. The exams will be a combination of multiple choice and short answer (calculation with explanation and/or essay) questions. The midterm exam will be held in class on Thursday, October 20th. The final exam is cumulative but focuses on the latter part of the course. It will be held during the college-scheduled Final Exams Period on Thursday, 8th December from 11:30-1:20pm (note the different start time).

Late Policy

Assignments due during an absence should be emailed to the instructor prior to the start of class when they're due to receive full credit. Late assignments will be accepted with a penalty of 10% deduction per day, as long as they are accepted within one week of the due date. Please contact your instructor as soon as possible if you know that you will be late with an assignment to make a plan to get on track.

Preventing Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty occurring when students use information or material from outside sources without properly citing them. This is grounds for disciplinary action. It is your responsibility to understand plagiarism and its consequences. Plagiarism occurs if:

- You do not cite quotations and/or attribute borrowed ideas.
- You fail to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks.
- You do not write summaries and paraphrases in your own words and/or do not document your source.
- You turn in work created by another person.
- You submit or use your own prior work for a current or past course, or work from one current course in another course *without express permission* from your professors. This may also be considered academic dishonesty.

Consequences: If it is determined that you have plagiarized or engaged in other forms of academic dishonesty, you will fail the assignment and possibly the course, despite points earned through other work. Acts of academic dishonesty are reviewed for disciplinary action, and any instances of cheating will be submitted to the Behavior Intervention Team.

This link provides a good, short summary of how to avoid plagiarism: [Avoiding Plagiarism](#)

Out of fairness to all students, no extra credit will be offered unless it is available to all students; i.e. no extra credit will be awarded after the quarter has ended. It is your responsibility as a student to be aware of the expectations set forth for this course. If these expectations of you are unclear, please come and speak with me as early as possible.

The link to the College Grading Policy is located on page 10 of the Course Catalog: [Grading Policy](#)

Books and Materials Required

We will use a free, online, open source textbook available through OpenStax here: [Textbook](#)

The free online textbook provided under a Creative Commons License. “Creative Commons develops, supports, and stewards legal and technical infrastructure that maximizes digital creativity, sharing, and innovation.” Specifically, Rice University licensed this book under a [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 License](#).

The readings are similar in structure and organization to *Macroeconomics* by Paul Krugman and Robin Wells (third edition). There are a few copies of this textbook on reserve at the library for short-term use.

Help with Canvas

The following places are helpful for [Instructors](#) or [Students](#) .

Classroom Learning Atmosphere

Instructor's Expectation

Students are expected to:

- help in creating a positive learning environment.
- come prepared to every class. (Prepared means arriving on time with all materials needed for class and having read the relevant sections for discussion.)
- keep cell phones silenced and use computers only for course-related work.
- inform the instructor ahead of time about missing class or late arrival.
- know and meet the deadlines for all assignments and exams. *Please note that no make-up assignments or exams are offered!*
- come for extra help before small misunderstandings become major learning gaps.
- gain access to the internet. Students should maintain access and cope with any technology problems, including viruses, that involve your own machine or software.
- know BC's policies on withdrawing and other quarterly commitments
- complete their own work and be familiar with Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College, especially with respect to cheating, stealing, and plagiarizing.

Affirmation of Inclusion

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination.

We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect.

Religious Holidays

Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or any other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance should be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent, preferably at the beginning of the term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments should be offered an opportunity to make up the work without penalty (if they have previously arranged to be absent), unless it can be demonstrated that a makeup opportunity would constitute an unreasonable burden on a member of the faculty. Should disagreement arise over what constitutes an unreasonable burden or any element of this policy, parties involved should consult the department chair, or Dean.

College Anti-Discrimination Statement

Bellevue College does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity; color; creed; national origin; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; age; religion; genetic information; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; gender identity or veteran status in educational programs and activities which it operates.

Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting

As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I am required to share with the Title IX Coordinator any and all information regarding sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct (e.g. dating violence, domestic violence, stalking) that may have occurred on campus or that impacts someone on campus. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting the BC Counseling Center at (425) 564-2212. The Title IX Office can be contacted at 425-564-2441 and more information can be found at www.bellevuecollege.edu/titleix/.

For further information and contacts, please consult [College Anti-Discrimination Statements](#).

Division Statement

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

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The college's "Affirmation of Inclusion" is in line with the principle of free speech in a free society: we have the right to express unpopular ideas as long as we don't show disrespect for reasonable people who might believe otherwise. In an online course, you will be expressing ideas through the medium of the course site rather than face to face in the classroom. In that case, these expectations refer to the courtesy with which you communicate with one another through e-mails and e-discussions. Part of this respect involves professional behavior towards the instructor, colleagues, and the class itself.

Cheating, Stealing, and Plagiarizing* and Inappropriate Behavior

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: plagiarizing material from the Internet and posting rude or personal attacks in discussions. When you are in doubt about any behavior, please consult your instructor. In addition, you may wish to review the general applicable rules of cyberspace, such as in the [Core Rules of Netiquette](#). The instructor reserves the right to remove posted messages, and downgrade assessments as a result of these types of behaviors. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services, [link to Student Code](#).

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). It is the student's responsibility for maintaining contact and adhering to the agreed-upon actions. Vista class sites, and material, may not be directly accessible after the end of the quarter so it is important to make arrangements before the quarter ends. The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F"). There is a standard form that instructors have access to in their instructor's grade briefcase.

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

Please refer to the syllabus at the start of the quarter for additional details and contact the instructor directly for any clarifications. A student who is not in compliance with the scheduled format may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be in compliance with any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

Academic Year: College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Summer Quarter: College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the fifth week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). After the sixth day and through the end of the fifth week of the quarter, the "W" grade will become part of the student's transcript record.

Check [Enrollment Calendar Deadlines, Refunds/Withdrawals](#), for additional details. As with most enrollment deadlines, it is the student's responsibility to be aware of these dates and act accordingly.

Hardship Withdrawal (HW)

From page 9 of the current course catalog, [2008-2009 online catalog](#), HW indicates a withdrawal request made because of extenuating circumstances after the official withdrawal period is over. The student must contact the instructor to request this withdrawal option, or the faculty member may initiate the contact. No points are calculated into the grade-point average. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) link to DRC. The office is located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110, email drc@bellevuecollege.edu). Students will need to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter or contact your online instructor directly by email. Students who require accommodation in a course should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Distribution of Grades

Students should access their grades through the BC Web site. Any returned material should be accessed prior to the end of the quarter. After the end of the quarter, Vista class sites may not be accessible by students. Individual instructors may use non-Vista tools for recording and maintaining the students' progress. Questions about grades assigned should be initially directed to your instructor.

Submission and Returning of Papers, Assignments and Assessments:

Specific guidelines for taking exams and submitting assignments are published in the syllabus. Please contact instructor at the start of the quarter for any clarifications.

*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Vice President of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.

Information about Bellevue College's copyright guidelines can be found at: [College Copyright Policy](#)
This link provides a good, short summary of how to avoid plagiarism: [Avoiding Plagiarism](#)

This 22-minute video also provides a good overview of how to avoid trouble when using sources: From the college home page select SERVICES, then LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER, then DATABASES, then FILMS ON DEMAND. At their site, search by title for **PLAGIARISM 2.0: ETHICS IN THE DIGITAL AGE**.

Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity

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Important Links

Bellevue College E-mail and access to MyBC

All students registered for classes at Bellevue College are entitled to a network and e-mail account. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network and log in to MyBC. To create your account, go to: [Create Email](#)

BC offers a wide variety of computer and learning labs to enhance learning and student success. Find current campus locations for all student labs by visiting the [Technology Help Desk](#)

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The Disability Resource Center serves students with disabilities. A disability includes any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Common disabilities include physical, neurological (e.g. Autism, ADD), and mental health (e.g. depression, anxiety). If you are a student who has a disability or if you think you may need accommodations in order to have equal access to programs, activities, and services, please contact the DRC.

If you require assistance in an emergency, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan for while in class and contact the DRC to develop a safety plan for while you are elsewhere on campus.

If you are a student with a documented autism spectrum disorder, there is an additional access program available to you. [Contact Autism Spectrum Navigators](#) (ASN). Email and phone number is on the web page. ASN is located in the Library Media Center in D125.

The DRC office is located in building B Room 132. You can contact the DRC by stopping by B132, calling our desk at 425-564-2498, emailing drc@bellevuecollege.edu, and Deaf students can reach us by Skype (account name DRCatBC). For more information about the services we offer, including our Initial Access Application, visit our website at www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc.

Accessibility

The online elements of this course are designed to be welcoming to, accessible to, and usable by everyone, including students who are English-language learners, have a variety of learning styles, have disabilities, or are new to online learning. Be sure to let me know immediately if you encounter a required element or resource in the course that is not accessible to you. Also, let me know of changes I can make to the course so that it is more welcoming to, accessible to, or usable by students who take this course in the future.

Public Safety

Public Safety and Emergencies

Public Safety is located in the D building (D171) and can be reached at **425-564-2400** (easy to remember because it's the only office on campus open 24 hours a day—2400). Among other things, Public Safety serves as our Parking Permits, Lost and Found, and Emergency Notification center. Please ensure you are signed up to receive alerts through our campus alerting system by registering at [RAVE Alert Registration](#)

Please familiarize yourself with the emergency postings by the door of every classroom and know where to go in the event of an evacuation. Your instructor will be asked if anyone might still be in the building, so check in before you do anything else. Emergency responders will search for anyone unaccounted for.

If a major emergency occurs, please follow these three rules:

- 1) Take directions from those in charge of the response** -We all need to be working together.
- 2) Do not get in your car and leave campus (unless directed to)** - Doing so will clog streets and prevent emergency vehicles from entering the scene. Instead, follow directions from those in charge.
- 3) In an emergency, call 911 first, then Public Safety.**

Please do not hesitate to call Public Safety if you have safety questions or concerns at any time. You may also visit the [Public Safety](#) web page for answers to your questions.

Final Exam Schedule

Our final exam will be held on Thursday December 8th from 11:30am-1:30pm.

[Final Exam Schedule](#)

In case of an emergency during finals, please refer to Canvas for announcements on how to proceed. In all likelihood the exam would be posted on Canvas for students, unless an alternative time to take the exam on campus becomes available.

Academic Calendar

The Bellevue College Academic Calendar is separated into two calendars. They provide information about holidays, closures and important enrollment dates such as the finals schedule.

- [Enrollment Calendar](#) On this calendar you will find admissions and registration dates and important dates for withdrawing and receiving tuition refunds.
- [College Calendar](#) This calendar gives you the year at a glance and includes college holidays, scheduled closures, quarter end and start dates, and final exam dates.

Additional Information

All students should be aware of the many tutorial services provided by the [Academic Success Center](#). If you need free tutorial help, please visit them in D204.

If you feel threatened or see something that may indicate trouble, please report it right away at [Report Concerns](#). We all need to help keep our campus safe for everyone.

Course Calendar

Please review the Course Calendar in Canvas for the most up-to-date calendar. You can also list the assignments by due date at the end of this Syllabus tab in Canvas. A tentative guide at the start of the quarter is below:

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Intro S&D	21	22 Ch 1 Ch 3	23 Ch 4.2	24
25	26	27 Ch 6	28	29 Ch 7	30 Quiz 1	

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 Ch 8	5	6 Ch 9	7 Seminar	8
9	10	11 Ch 10	12	13 Ch 11	14 Quiz 2	15
16	17	18 No Class	19	20 Midterm Exam	21 Movie Response	22
23	24	25 Ch 12	26	27 Ch 13	28 Seminar	29

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November / December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ch 14	2	3 Ch 15	4 Quiz 3	5
6	7	8 Ch 16	9	10 Ch 17	11 No Class	12
13	14	15 Ch 18	16	17 Catch Up day	18 Quiz 4	19
20	21	22 Ch 19	23	24 No Class	25 No Class	26
27	28	29 Ch 20	30	1 Ch 21	2 Review	3
4	5 Study Day	6	7	8 Final Exam	9	10