

BELLEVUE COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Economics 202:
Principles of Macroeconomics (Winter, 2010)

Course Time: M,W 11:30 – 12:20

Place: C208

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1. Course Objective

A study of factors affecting the level of national income: the essentials of money and banking; the role of government expenditure and taxation in achieving economic stability, growth, and development; international monetary issues including exchange rates and the balance of payments.

2. Course Material

The required textbook for this course is:

Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, *Macroeconomics, Second Edition* (Worth Publishers, 2009)

Aplia subscription: Aplia is an online learning tool for students, available at: www.aplia.com

Fee: \$80.00

Course Key: **R25N-U6RA-QTFG**

Grace Period: Jan. 24, 2009

3. Classroom Policy and Attendance

I expect you to be a responsible citizen in the classroom. Please be considerate of others while in class. Please turn off your cell phone, or anything that makes a sound.

Class attendance is not checked but students are responsible for all materials covered in classes. Class time will be used to review analytical problems and concepts from the text.

4. Grading

Your grade will be determined as follows:

25%	Weekly discussion postings
25%	Weekly assignments
20%	Midterm Exam
30%	Final Exam

Course Requirements

1. One midterm exam, which will be conducted in class midterm, and will comprise 20% of the grade. The exam will be held on February 3rd, 2009.
2. A final exam, which will include both a proctored, in-class portion, and an at home multiple choice portion, will comprise 30% of the grade. The final exam will be held in-class on March 17th, 2009. The at home portion will be due by March 19th, 5 pm.
3. Discussion postings, which will comprise 25% of your grade. You are required to respond to the discussion questions posted every week, by providing a substantive post to each of the questions posted, and at least 2 replies to other students' postings. By substantive, I mean providing a quality post, providing your own thoughts on the material and/or responding to your classmates with a post showing that you are engaging with the material and ideas being discussed. Each weekly discussion will be graded on a scale of 0-10, and then at the end of the quarter, averaged and expressed as a percentage. The lowest weekly discussion grade will be dropped.
4. Weekly homework assignments and Aplia exercises, which will comprise 25% of your grade. Your weekly homework/Aplia assignment will be graded on a scale of 0 - 10. Your final homework/Aplia grade will be an average of your weekly scores and expressed as a percentage. The lowest weekly homework grade will be dropped. The homework assignments should be submitted through the assignment tool.

Rules on Grades (IMPORTANT!!):

1. I will not provide "Incomplete" for those who decide to drop the course after the drop classes period, or think that they will not be able to finish the course.
2. The final grade will be based on the grade records available with me as of the end of the term.
3. I will provide no extra credit or make-up assignments for those who want to improve their grades, either.

5. Class schedule and reading assignments

The class schedule and reading assignments shown below are subject to change. The class proceeds under an assumption that you have read the assigned chapters and attempted to understand the material before the class period. However, you should not feel shy about asking questions in class if you have questions or something you want me or the class to clarify about the material. It is important to raise issues and discuss them in class. I will do my best to encourage for you to do so.

Week	Topic	Required Readings
1 1/4	Introduction to Macroeconomics and the Economic Perspective	Chapter One and Chapter Two
2 1/11	Supply and Demand and Market Equilibrium	Chapter Three and Chapter Four
3 1/18	<i>Introduction to Macroeconomics:</i> Macroeconomic Topics and Tracking the Macroeconomy	Chapter Six and Chapter Seven Holiday 1/18 No classes
4 1/25	<i>Introduction to Macroeconomics:</i> Unemployment and Inflation	Chapter Eight
5 2/1	<i>Long-Run Economic Growth:</i> Long-run economic growth	Chapter Nine IN-CLASS MIDTERM 2/3
6 2/8	<i>Long-Run Economic Growth:</i> Savings, Investment Spending, and the Financial System	Chapter Ten
7 2/15	<i>Short run economic fluctuations:</i> Income and Expenditure, Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	Chapter Eleven and Chapter Twelve Holiday 2/15 No classes
8 2/22	<i>Stabilization Policy:</i> Fiscal Policy	Chapter Thirteen
9 3/1	<i>Stabilization Policy:</i> Money, Banking, and the Federal Reserve	Chapter Fourteen
10 3/8	<i>Stabilization Policy:</i> Monetary Policy	Chapter Fifteen
11 3/15	<i>REVIEW FOR FINAL:</i>	IN-CLASS FINAL 3/17 At home final due 3/19