

# Introduction to Macroeconomics

## ECON 0200-601 Syllabus

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Welcome to Introduction to Macroeconomics! I'm excited to be teaching this class, and over the next few months, I hope to impart an appreciation for the power of modern macro to explain many aspects of today's economy.

### Lecture Info

Tuesdays 5:15–8:10pm, ANNS 111

### My Contact Information

**Office Hours:** Monday 1pm-2pm via Zoom, <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/4673396103>

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### Mindtap

You will have to subscribe to an online course system called Mindtap for this course. It will provide the e-textbook, course materials, homeworks, practice problems, etc.

### Textbook

*Principles of Macroeconomics*, 9th edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw, 2022

- Earlier editions of the textbook would probably be fine too, but note that you can bundle an electronic copy of the 9th edition with your Mindtap subscription.

### Grading

Grades will not be curved. For each student, they will be whichever is higher of

Homeworks	Exam 1	Exam 2	and	Homeworks	Exam 1	Exam 2
30%	30%	40%		30%	40%	30%

and then converted to letter grades by

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
97–100	93–96	90–92	87–89	83–86	80–82	77–79	73–77	70–72	67–69	60–66	≤ 59

Other things to note:

- The lowest homework grade will be dropped. This includes missed assignments, so use your “drop” wisely.
- All homeworks will be completed through Mindtap. As a result, **no late homeworks can be accepted.**
- Exam 1 will cover chapters 10–15.
- Exam 2 will be cumulative but will focus on the remaining chapters.

- Exams will be multiple-choice and open-book.
- An excused absence from exam 1 will reallocate its weight onto exam 2.
- An excused absence from exam 2 will reallocate its weight onto a make-up exam held during the university's official postponed-exam period **next fall**.
- **Unexcused absences will result in zeroes.** See [here](#) for what constitutes a valid excuse. Students should make me aware of such things **as soon as possible**.

### Tentative Schedule

Important dates, per [academic calendar](#):  
 January 28: Last day of course selection period  
 February 24: Last day of drop period  
 March 8-16: Spring Break  
 March 21: Deadline to change grade type  
 March 31: Deadline to withdraw

Date	Chapter	Content
1/21	10-11	Introduction; Measuring a Nation's Income; Measuring the Cost of Living
1/28	12	Production and Growth
2/4	13	Saving, Investment, and the Financial System
2/11	14	The Basic Tools of Finance
2/18	15	Unemployment
2/25		Exam 1
3/4	16	The Monetary System
3/11		Spring Break
3/18	17	Money Growth and Inflation
3/25	18	Open-Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts
4/1	19	A Macroeconomic Theory of the Open Economy
4/8	20	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply
4/15	21	The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand
4/22	22	The Short-Run Trade-Off between Inflation and Unemployment
4/29	23	Macroeconomic Policy Debates
PATH		Exam 2