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ECN 211: Macroeconomic Principles

Overview

Macroeconomics is the study of the sum of all spending, income, and productive efforts. The economic outcomes that we experience are the result of our intricate dealings with other governments, businesses, and people, both locally and globally. This course will give you insight into how economists approach and measure these big issues and questions.

What You'll Learn

- Apply marginal analysis to common economic decision problems
- Describe economic decisions households and businesses make
- Understand economic efficiency and sources of deviations from it
- Interpret main macroeconomic indicators commonly analyzed to follow economy in real time
- Understand the main policy discussions related to fiscal and monetary policy
- Describe the advantages of trade

How to Succeed

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy. We also encourage you to make sure your laptop or desktop computer meets the [technical requirements](#).

Knowledge of basic Excel functionality will be very helpful in setting you up for success in this course.

Earn College Credit

This course appears on your transcript identically to how it appears on the transcript of an enrolled ASU student.

This course satisfies 3 credit hours toward the Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB) General Studies requirement at Arizona State University. It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied.

In order to receive academic credit for this course, you must earn a grade of "C" or better. You have one year to add the course to your transcript.

Exams and Grading

10%

Practice Problems

30%

Quizzes

30%

Midterm Exam

30%

Final Exam

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Time Commitment

This is an asynchronous, online course. This means, while you will have deadlines, you do not need to be at your computer at specific times or participate in live activities.

To be successful in this class, you must view all course pages and complete all graded work by the deadlines indicated. Also, keep in mind that "attendance" in an online course means logging into the platform on a regular basis, checking for course announcements, and visiting and participating in the discussion forums.

This 3 credit, 8 week course requires about 135 hours of work. Therefore, expect to spend approximately 15-20 hours per week preparing for and engaging in this course.

Materials

This course makes use of open educational resources (OERs) provided within the course, **no purchase necessary**.

Graded Assignments

Graded assignments are required and count towards your final grade. Students must submit all assignments via the course site unless otherwise instructed.

Practice problems (10%): Many units have practice problems at the end of them. Students are allowed an infinite number of tries to answer them.

Quizzes (30%): There are 13 open book quizzes. Each quiz is open book, and must be completed by you. The quizzes are multiple choice and based on the course material covered in each part. You may take a quiz at any time during the week but must complete it by the stipulated deadline.

Midterm Exam (30%): The midterm covers content from weeks 1-3.

Final Exam (30%): The final exam is **proctored** and covers content from weeks 4-7.

Assignment Deadlines

Your instructional team will provide all content and learning activities on or through your course site. It is your responsibility to review all content, fulfill all assignments on time, and ask any questions you have in the designated discussion area. It is also your responsibility to determine the due dates and times for all course assignments according to your time zone. Due to the large-scale format of Universal Learner Courses, late assignments will not be accepted at any point during the course, and we cannot make exceptions.

Course Communication

All communication will take place via the discussion forums and course announcement page. There will be a discussion forum where you can post general questions, comments, and direct inquiries for the instructor and course team. Please use these forums to ensure a timely response. Your instructor will not be able to respond to email.

Additional Information

If you have questions about Universal Learner Courses and how they work, please visit ea.asu.edu or contact our support team at ulcourses@asu.edu.