

Florida Polytechnic University

ECO 2013 – Principles of Macroeconomics

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Prerequisites

None

Course Description

In this course, students will learn the foundations of macroeconomics as the branch of economics concerned with how decision-making, in an environment of scarcity, maps onto the aggregate economy. Students will examine theories and evidence related the following core set of topics: national income determination, money, monetary and fiscal policy, macroeconomic conditions, international trade and the balance of payments, and economic growth and development (W).

Course Preparation Materials

Textbook (Required)

Economics: Private and Public Choice 18th Edition (any previous edition with suffice)

James D. Gwartney, Richard L Stroup, Russell S. Sobel, and David A. Macpherson

Evaluation

Twelve Quiz/Writing Assignments (70%)

Exams (30%)

or

Twelve Quiz/Writing Assignments (25%)

Cumulative Final Exam (75%)

One of the two grading rubrics above will be used for every student in the course. For each student, whichever rubric grants the higher grade will be used for their final course grade.

Each individual assignment will have a due date corresponding to when it should be covered in class. Any assignment for the course may be turned in at any time before the due date. All Assignments must be completed and submitted by the deadline. Any assignment not turned in within these parameters will receive a zero grade unless there is a valid excuse for its non-submission.

Quiz/Writing Assignments: Twelve equally weighted assignments will be assessed throughout the semester. Depending on the requirements for the course – this may include state-mandated writing assignments along with in-person or online assessments that are typically shorter in length than the exams. These will happen more frequently to ensure students are keeping up with the course material.

Exams: Three equally weighted exams throughout the semester. Each exam date is TBD depending on the pacing of the semester. All exams will take place during the regular class time, in person. If a student misses an exam due to a documented excused absence, the final exam will be re-weighted. Each student will be allowed a standard piece of copy paper (8.5in x 11in) front and back to reference for all exams. Students may write any formulas, definitions, worked out examples, hand written notes, etc. that they may like on the piece of paper. These pieces of paper may not be shared during the exams.

Excused Absences

Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

Should you miss an exam or an extended period of class due to an illness or other valid excuse, please contact the appropriate official at Florida Polytechnic University to have your circumstances validated. Upon confirming your situation as they see fit, a member of the department staff will contact your professors and let them know that your excuse is valid. This saves me the trouble of trying to validate student excuses (which I have no idea how to do) and saves you the hassle of presenting an excuse to multiple faculty members.

Grading Scale

93-100: A

90-92.99: A-

87-89.99: B+

83-86.99: B

80-82.99: B-

77-79.99: C+

74-76.99: C

70-73.99: C-

67-69.99: D+

64-66.99: D

60-63.99: D-

0-59.99: F

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canvas gradebook will automatically calculate your percentage for each group of assignments and your overall grade but ***DOES NOT round by conventional math***. So 89.6% will not be rounded to 90% and result in an A-. 89.6% will result in a B+.

Extra Credit

There will be extra credit opportunities at the beginning of each class throughout the semester. These extra credit points will be granted by providing a correct answer to any of the trivia questions asked at the beginning of class. These trivia questions can be about any subject and may not be economics related. Any extra credit points earned will be added to the next exam, depending on which exam(s) have been taken yet.

Email Policy

I try to be prompt about answering my emails. I will generally respond within one day, and often I will do so faster. To facilitate a quick response, please reference the course title or code (e.g., “Macroeconomics” or “ECO 2013”) in the subject of your email, and identify your full name within the text of your email (e.g., “Jane Doe”). For privacy reasons, I cannot discuss specific grades and other sensitive issues via email. If you feel one of your assignments has been graded unfairly, or that I have made a mistake with one of your grades, please speak to me during my office hours, or at a scheduled time.

Reasonable Accommodations

The University is committed to ensuring equal access to all educational opportunities. The Office of Disability Services (ODS), facilitates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and documented eligibility. It is the student’s responsibility to self-identify as a student with disabilities and register with ODS to request accommodations. If you have already registered with ODS, please ensure that you have requested an accommodation letter for this course through the [ODS student portal](#)[Links to an external site.](#), and communicate with your instructor about your approved accommodations as soon as possible. Arrangements for testing accommodations must be made in advance. Accommodations are not retroactive. If you are not registered with ODS but believe you have a temporary health condition or permanent disability requiring an accommodation, please contact ODS as soon as possible: DisabilityServices@floridapoly.edu; (863) 874-8770; www.floridapoly.edu/disability[Links to an external site.](#).

Accommodations for Religious Observances, Practices and Beliefs

The University will reasonably accommodate the religious observances, practices, and beliefs of individuals in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments. (See [University Policy](#)[Links to an external site.](#).)

Title IX

Florida Polytechnic University is committed to ensuring a safe, productive learning environment on our campus that prohibits sex discrimination and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. Resources are available if you or someone you know needs assistance. Any faculty or staff member you speak to is required to report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator. Please know, however, that your information will be kept private to the

greatest extent possible. You will not be required to share your experience. If you want to speak to someone who is permitted to keep your disclosure confidential, please seek assistance from the Florida Polytechnic University [Ombuds Office](#)[Links to an external site.](#), BayCare's Student Assistance Program, 1-800-878-5470 and locally within the community at [Peace River Center](#)[Links to an external site.](#), 863-413-2707 (24-hour hotline) or 863-413-2708 to schedule an appointment. The Title IX Coordinator is available for any questions to discuss resources and options available.

Academic Integrity

Violations of [academic integrity regulation](#)[Links to an external site.](#) include actions such as cheating, plagiarism, use of unauthorized resources (including but not limited to use of Artificial Intelligence tools), illegal use of intellectual property, and inappropriately aiding other students. Such actions undermine the central mission of the university and negatively impact the value of your Florida Poly degree. Suspected violations will be fully investigated, possibly resulting in sanctions up to and including expulsion from the university.

Recording Lectures

Students may, without prior notice, record video or audio of a class lecture for a class in which the student is enrolled for their own personal educational use. Recordings may not be used as a substitute for class participation or class attendance. Recordings may not be published or shared in any way, either intentionally or accidentally, without the written consent of the faculty member. Failure to adhere to these requirements is a violation of state law (subject to civil penalty) and the student code of conduct (subject to disciplinary action). *Recording class activities including, but not limited to, lab sessions, student presentations (whether individually or part of a group), class discussion (except when incidental to and incorporated within a class lecture), and invited guest speakers is **prohibited**.*

Academic Support Resources

- **Library:** Students can access the Florida Polytechnic University Library through the University website and [Canvas](#), on and off campus. Students may direct questions to library@floridapoly.edu.

- **Tutoring and Learning Center:** The Tutoring and Learning Center (The TLC) provides tutoring to all Florida Poly students who may need additional academic support. The TLC is staffed by students who have excelled in the courses they tutor. They offer support by reviewing concepts and materials from class, clarifying points of confusion and providing assistance with learning strategies. While the focus of TLC is to provide support to students in freshman-level courses, upper-level courses are also tutored at the Center. The TLC is located in the IST Commons (second floor).
 - **Knack Tutoring:** Students looking for additional assistance outside of the classroom are advised to consider working with a peer tutor through Knack. Florida Polytechnic University has partnered with Knack to provide students with access to verified peer tutors who have previously aced this course. To view available tutors, visit floridapoly.joinknack.com [Links to an external site.](#) and sign in with your student account.
- **Academic Success Coaches:** All students at Florida Poly are assigned an Academic Success Coach. Your Academic Success Coach can assist you with academic success strategies. Please visit the Student Success Center on the second floor of the IST building to meet with an Academic Success Coach.
- **Writing Center:** Located on the second floor of the IST (2059/2061), the Writing Center helps students to develop their writing and presentation skills. Consultations are available in person and virtually. For more detail, visit [floridapoly.edu/writing center](https://floridapoly.edu/writing-center).

Syllabus Change Policy

This syllabus is subject to change at any given moment in time. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at jhaines@floridapoly.edu

Course Outline

The Following is a general course outline for the semester. All dates are subject to change.

Dates	Topics Covered	Assignments/Exams	Poly Events
1/12-1/18	The Economic Way of Thinking	Chapter 1 Quiz	1/16 – Withdraw deadline
1/19-1/25	Some Tools of the Economist	Chapter 2 Quiz	1/19 – No Classes (MLK Day)

1/26-2/1	Demand, Supply, and the Market Process	Chapter 3 & 4 Quiz	
2/2-2/8	Market Failures and Role of Government	Chapter 5 Quiz	2/6 – Withdraw with refund (W included)
2/9-2/15	Economics of Political Action	Chapter 6 Quiz	2/10 – No Classes (Career Day)
2/16-2/22	Taking the Nation's Economic Pulse	Exam 1	
2/23-3/1	Unemployment and Inflation	Chapter 7 & 8 Quiz	
3/2-3/8	Basic Macroeconomic Markets	Chapter 9 Quiz	
3/9-3/15	Dynamic Change and AD-AS Model	Chapter 10 Quiz	
3/16-3/22			Spring Break – No Classes
3/23-3/29	Fiscal Policy	Chapter 11 & 12 Quiz	
3/30-4/5	Money and the Banking System	Exam 2	
4/6-4/12	Monetary Policy	Chapter 13 & 14 Quiz	Summer and Fall Registration
4/13-4/19	Macroeconomic Policy and the National Debt	Chapter 15 Quiz	4/17 – Withdrawal Without Penalty (W included)
4/20-4/26	Gaining from International Trade and Foreign Exchange Market	Chapter 18 and 19 Quiz	
4/27-5/3	Review Day		4/29 – 5/1 No Classes (Reading Days)
5/4-5/10		Exam 3	Finals Week