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Principles of Macroeconomics
EC132.09/10 - Spring 1998

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Course Objective: To become familiar with the foundations of Macroeconomics. Economics has its own set of tools and language. Emphasis will be placed on expressing ideas in a logical and concise manner, consistent with the language of economics. Graphs will often be used to convey these principles.

Text:

REQUIRED - Tresch, Richard, Principles of Economics, West Publishing Company
OPTIONAL - Study Guide to Accompany Principles of Economics. I will not be assigning any problems from this book. It is strictly for your own use. Be forewarned that many of the answers in the back of the book are incorrect.

Course Requirements:

Breakdown of grades

	<u>% of grade</u>
Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final	50%

There will also be periodic homework assignments which I will collect and check. Homework will influence your grade in borderline cases. If I do not have your homework in hand when I leave for the day, I will record a zero for that particular homework. A missed exam will receive a grade of zero. Makeup exams will not be offered. Since I am notifying now of when they will be given, I expect you to plan accordingly.

The course will closely follow the text. I strongly recommend keeping up with the reading in the text and reviewing your notes on a weekly if not daily basis. You are permitted (and encouraged) to work together on the problem sets. If you work in a group of three or less, you may hand in a single homework. Be sure to include all names. Class participation is certainly encouraged.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to do your own work on quizzes and exams. Any violations of this standard will be dealt with as detailed in the BC Student Handbook.

Schedule

M 1/12	First class
M 2/16	Midterm 1
M 3/23	Midterm 2
M 4/29	Last class