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Department of Economics

Principles of Macroeconomics  
EC132.13/EC132.14 - Spring 1999

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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.

Text: REQUIRED - Tresch, Richard, Principles of Economics, West Publishing Company

Course Requirements:

Breakdown of grades: (subject to change if necessary)

	<u>% of grade</u>
Class Participation	15%
Problem Sets	15%
Quizzes	15%
Midterm	25%
Final	30%

Active class participation is strongly encouraged and will make up 15% of your final grade. One of my main objectives is keeping this course interactive and interesting. I will try to exploit the numerous sites in the Internet to equip you with the most up-to-date knowledge on the subject. I welcome any course-related questions and issues of interest at any time.

There will be several problem sets over the course of the semester. Problem sets will be handed out in class by one week before they are due and are to be turned in on the day due prior to class. They are designed to help you understand the material and practice for the exams. You are encouraged to work together on the problem sets, but you must submit your own answers. By building constructive and regular study groups you can learn as much from each other as you can from me. You are, of course, not to simply copy the work from someone else. At the end of the semester, I will drop your lowest problem set grade.

I expect you to read the text carefully and to attend all classes. I strongly recommend keeping up with the reading in the text and reviewing your notes on a weekly if not daily basis. Unannounced quizzes will help you to get motivated to

There will be one midterm and one final. Both, the midterm and the final exams will be take-home exams. You are expected to work alone on the assignments. Although I can not check this, I will trust your integrity and your understanding of our mutual respect.

Part of the midterm will be in essay format. I will work closely with you on the choice of your topic. The essay targets to increase your interest in the subject and to give you a chance for exercising your creativity.

It will also give me an idea about your interests, and give you the opportunity to share your own opinions on Macroeconomics.

The final is comprehensive and required.

There will be no make-up exams. If you miss an exam for good reason, let me know immediately, and you will be graded on the other exam and the final. Otherwise, any missed exam will be scored a zero unless you notify me ahead of time and I give my consent for you to miss it. Consent to miss an exam will be given at my discretion and in very exceptional cases only. Personal illness will require a note from the health center. If you do poorly on one exam but consistently well on the other one and the final, the one poor exam will be discounted.

There will be a course homepage on the Internet, where you can find useful course material.

I like to think of us, the class and me, as a team working together, and I wish our team

**A GREAT SEMESTER !!!**