



Intro Macro-14451-ECON 2110-004
TR 11:20 am - 12:45 pm, 131 @ FCBE
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- COURSE INFORMATION:** By the end of the course, you will understand basic macroeconomic terms, concepts and methodology and use them to analyze the determination of macroeconomic variables, including GDP, income level, (un)employment, inflation and interest rates. All course materials (home assignments, printout, etc) will be posted at the course webpage @ www.nikolsko-rzhevskyy.com/teaching, it is VERY important to check it regularly!
- CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have any questions, feel free to contact my TA, Ioana Sofia Pacurar, her email address is ipacurar@memphis.edu. In case she is unable to help you, you can either email me (nklrzhs@memphis.edu) or stop by my office @ FCBE, Room #415 during my office hours on Tuesday, 3:00-5:00pm, or schedule an appointment.
- SESSIONS:** The course meets in Fogelman Bldg 131 on Tue and Thu 11:20am-12:45pm from January 14 through May 6. Reasonable and appropriate accommodations will be provided to students with disabilities who present a memo from Student Disability Services (SDS).
- TEXTBOOK:** "Principles of MACROeconomics," by N. Gregory Mankiw. You can use any edition above 3 (the last one is the 5th, ISBN # 0324589999, but it's more expensive). Note: This is NOT the same book as "Macroeconomics" or "Principles of Economics" by N. Gregory Mankiw.
- EXAMS:** There will be 3 midterm exams and 1 comprehensive final exam (all multiple-choice). There are NO make-up exams, so it is important that you do not miss either one. However, 1 lowest exam grade (even if it's the final exam grade) will be dropped.
- HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS:** You are REQUIRED to complete WEEKLY homework assignments. They will count for 25% of your final grade, and are due every Saturday, 11:45pm. Please note that these due dates are strict and NO exceptions will be made. Because of this lack of flexibility each student is allowed 3 free passes. PDF files with home assignments will be posted both at the [course webpage](#), and at Ulogistics.org – the website you will use to SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS. This service is free, and you will be able to use your UUID login/password to access it (this is the same Login/Password you use to access UM email account). The [course page](#) contains detailed instructions and video tutorials on [Ulogistics](http://Ulogistics.org). Note that I will NOT drop this grade for any reason, nor will I substitute it with an exam grade.
- GRADING:** GRADES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE. Do not contact me after the final semester grades have been posted asking me to change your grade for any reason. [Of course, if you believe your grade was posted erroneously by all means DO contact me.] In addition, there is NO extra credit for this course. Don't ask. I am using the "+/-" grading scale. Grades will be calculated as follows:

1) Homework assignments	25%
2) Midterm Exam I	25%
3) Midterm Exam II	25%
4) Midterm Exam III	25%
5) Comprehensive Final Exam	25%

Note that the lowest exam grade will be dropped, so, they will still sum up to a 100%.

- CALENDAR:** Below is the tentative schedule. I will do my best to stick to it as close as possible.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan Intro, Chapter 1	15-Jan	16-Jan HW (Intro)	17-Jan
18-Jan MKL Jr. Day	19-Jan Chapter 2	20-Jan	21-Jan Chapter 3	22-Jan	23-Jan HW-Chs 2,3	24-Jan
25-Jan	26-Jan Chapter 4	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan HW-Ch 4	31-Jan
1-Feb	2-Feb Chapter 10	3-Feb	4-Feb Chapter 11	5-Feb	6-Feb HW-Chs 10,11	7-Feb
8-Feb	9-Feb REVIEW	10-Feb	11-Feb Midterm #1 Chs 2,3,4,10,11	12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb
15-Feb	16-Feb Chapter 12	17-Feb	18-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb HW-Ch 12	21-Feb
22-Feb	23-Feb Chapter 13	24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb HW-Ch 13	28-Feb
1-Mar	2-Mar Chapter 15	3-Mar	4-Mar Chapter 16	5-Mar	6-Mar HW-Ch 15, 16	7-Mar
8-Mar SPRING BREAK	9-Mar SPRING BREAK	10-Mar SPRING BREAK	11-Mar SPRING BREAK	12-Mar SPRING BREAK	13-Mar SPRING BREAK	14-Mar SPRING BREAK
15-Mar	16-Mar Chapter 17	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar HW-Ch 17	21-Mar
22-Mar	23-Mar REVIEW	24-Mar	25-Mar Midterm #2 Chs 12,13,15,16,17	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar
29-Mar	30-Mar Chapter 18	31-Mar	1-Apr	2-Apr	3-Apr HW-Ch 18	4-Apr
5-Apr	6-Apr Chapter 19	7-Apr	8-Apr	9-Apr	10-Apr HW-Ch 19	11-Apr
12-Apr	13-Apr Chapter 20	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr HW-Ch 20	18-Apr
19-Apr	20-Apr Chapter 21	21-Apr	22-Apr REVIEW	23-Apr	24-Apr HW-Ch 21	25-Apr
26-Apr	27-Apr Midterm #3 Chs 18,19,20,21	28-Apr Last Day of Classes	29-Apr Study Day	30-Apr	1-May	2-May
3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May FINAL EXAM (comprehensive) 8:00 - 10:00a	7-May	8-May	9-May

