

This syllabus is an example that can be used to see what your workload might be and your syllabus might not be exactly the same but it will be close.

ECONOMICS 2,

Principles of Macroeconomics

Course Syllabus

Welcome to Saddleback College for the blank session of macroeconomics online.

TEXT: Principles of Macroeconomics": By Case and Fair, 8th edition. **Textbook ISBN-10:** 0132321815, **Textbook ISBN-13:** 9780132321815. These ISBNs come new shrink wrapped with something called My EcoLab, which is not required for the class and I encourage you to buy a used book online, you can save up to \$100.

OBJECTIVES: Introduction to macroeconomics theory with an emphasis on income determination for the whole economy. Also, how economics affects our daily lives and preparation for upper division courses. You will accomplish this goal by reading, using online resources, together with interaction between fellow students and myself.

OFFICE HOURS ONLINE: by E-mail: boconnor@saddleback.edu when you email me be sure to put the course number, **00000**, in the subject area. I do not answer email that is not addressed correctly because I get a lot of junk mail sent to me on this system. I only read and answer email once a day in the morning. If necessary I can meet you in the Virtual Classroom in real time. To get to the Virtual Classroom click on the Communication menu item, click on Collaboration and you will see it. You might try it once as a dry run. If you have trouble, disable your pop-up blocker.

TEACHING METHOD: Probably the most important aspect of the class is to read the **Announcement** page a few times a week. If you have not been online in awhile this could be risky so make sure you click on **View All** under the **Announcements**, hopefully you will not have missed anything.

Each week you should read the assigned textbook chapters listed below. Quizzes and midterms are located under the **Assignments** menu item. You can take the quizzes anytime but the midterms are given on a 5 day window on the calendar (see below). You actually get a 6th day as a grace period, less a 10% penalty on your midterm grade if you take the exam during this time.

Check the **Project** menu choice, and read the instructions, it is worth 150 points. They may be done as a group or individually.

Under **Course Documents** on the menu click on **Companion Website** you will find many study aids to help you such as Power Point notes, summaries and practice exams. Please explore this section and see what can work for you. You must check your email at least twice per week in case I need to contact you. Your email address must be correct.

Interaction online with other students in the course and with me will be a major source of information. You should participate on the **Discussion Board** (DB) as part of your grade. So read the rules for the DB, under the syllabus.

The Project is due by 10pm on 00/00. Please read the project instructions under the Project menu item. To turn the project in please email it to me as an attachment by the due date. If you don't like groups you can do the work yourself. It is up to you to form a group. You can do this by emailing other students or on the **Discussion Board**. The Project is worth 150 points.

Should you feel paranoid about what is going on, or due dates, check this **Syllabus**.

OUTLINE

WEEK 1	Chapters 1 & 2	1 Quiz		Discussion Board
2	Chapters 5 & 6	2 Quizzes		Discussion Board
3	Chapter 7	1 Quiz	Midterm I	Discussion Board
4	Chapters 8 & 9	2 Quizzes		Discussion Board
5	Chapters 10 & 11	2 Quizzes	Project	Discussion Board
6	Chapter 12	1 Quiz	Midterm II	Discussion Board
7	Chapters 13 & 14	2 Quizzes		Discussion Board
8	Chapters 21	1 Quizzes	Final	Discussion Board

You can take the quizzes any time up until the last day of the final by 10pm.

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QUIZZES (25 points x 12)	300 Points
MIDTERMS (100 points x 2)	200 Points
PROJECT	150 Points
CLASS PARTICIPATION	50 points
FINAL TEST	300 points
TOTAL	1000 points

YOU MAY TAKE THESE MIDTERMS AND FINAL 24 HOURS AFTER THE DEADLINE TILL TUESDAY AT 10pm. BUT THIS IS CONSIDERED LATE AND YOUR SCORE WILL BE REDUCED BY 10%.

I will try and remind you when things are due but ultimately you are responsible for the dates below. I suggest you copy and paste these to Word, print it out and save it as reference.

Important Dates

Midterm I **Thursday 0/00 at 8am till Monday 0/00 at 10pm**

Project **Sunday 0/00 at 10pm by email to: boconnor@saddleback.edu**

Midterm II **Thursday 0/0 at 8am till Monday 0/0 at 10pm**

Final **Thursday 0/00 at 8am till Monday 0/00 at 10pm**

Quizzes **Take anytime up until Monday 0/00 at 10pm**

Weekly Quizzes

You will have quizzes most every week. They are located after clicking on the **Assignments** menu item. **Quizzes** will be on each of the chapters covered according to the weeks above on the syllabus. The first quiz covers the first two chapters. This is the only quiz that covers two chapters. Each quiz is made up of 25 multiple choice or true and false questions, that are worth one point each. You will get a lot of time to complete the quizzes. To complete the quiz you will have one hour. This gives you time to look up the answer so the quizzes are actually like homework. After you click submit it will give you your score and feedback on your choices.

Midterms and Final

Midterms and Final will be cumulative. So, each could cover the material from day one. The Midterms have 100 multiple choice questions worth one point each. The Final will have 100 multiple choice questions worth 3 points each. The best thing to study for the midterms and final are your quizzes. You will have one hour and forty minutes to complete the midterms and the final.

Locate the **Quizzes**, **Midterms** and **Final** under the **Assignments** menu choice.

Participation Points & the Discussion Board

You can receive 5 points for each question, answer or discussion topic you post on the discussion board not to exceed 50 points. The grades for this will be posted on **Friday 0/00**. Read rules for the Discussion Board under the syllabus.

Just remember the limit is 50 points total for Class Participation and that will be labeled DB Mid I; DB Mid II and DB Final on your grades.

Grading Scale

900-1000 points = A

800-899 points = B

700-799 points = C

600-699 points = D

< 600 points = F

SUGGESTIONS - To do well in class I suggest you do the following:

- a) Finish your reading assignment before going to Blackboard and take notes about the information you gather. You may discover that you need to read the material over a couple of times before it makes sense. Go to Assignments; take the quiz, midterm or final. Make sure you post questions in the Discussion Board about the material in the book you do not understand. Bring up current events for discussion. Economics is a very current topic.
- b) Your class participation on the Discussion Board is CRITICAL!
- c) The most important thing for you is to stay current with the reading and quizzes. You are allowed to take the quizzes any time but it makes more sense to stay on schedule. You must also stay aware of when things are due, so check this Syllabus if you are unsure.

You are in this class because **you** chose to be here, so make it a rewarding and interesting experience. Economics is a challenging subject, and by the same token, an interesting one. In order for you to learn, you will have to work at it. **HAVE FUN!!!**