# **Econ 311 Macroeconomics**

# **Fall 2017**

# **Class Time and Instructor**

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Classes: Wed + Fri, 9am to 10:15am

Course Location: Bell Tower 2572

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# **Course Materials**

The course material comes from the following sources:

1. Daily **Wall Street Journal**
2. **Macroeconomics** by Abel, Bernanke, Croushore 9th Edition Pearson

### Office Hours

Wednesdays, Fridays 12:00pm to 1:00pm or by appointment at Sage 2033

#### Learning Objectives

We will emphasize key economic concepts and application to the real world. In addition to understanding how the U.S. economy operates, there will be discussions of international economy including foreign-exchange markets and interaction with the U.S. economy.

Learning how monetary and fiscal policies operates is an important objective. Each lecture class will begin with the discussion of current economic topics from Wall Street Journal.

Basis for Evaluation

The grade is based on mid-term exam (40 percent), final exam (40 percent), Pop Quizzes on Current Events (10 points) and general class participation (10 percent). Additional 5 percent can be earned by attending the IGER events on October 13 and 27. Total scores add up to 105 percent.

## What should you do to succeed in this course?

* *Come to Class and Participate*: Attendance is required. Class participation (10 percent of your grade) could be important. Missing class means missing valuable discussion, and information regarding assignments.
* *Read the WSJ and the Book carefully*: They are very valuable sources of information and clarification. Class discussion will be based on your readings. Your contribution in class is one of the keys to sucessful learning.
* *Attend the IGER Lectures on October 13 and 27 for extra Credit*

## Academic Honesty

All work that students submit as their own work must, in fact, be their own work. Verbatim language taken from other sources -- books, papers, web sites, people, etc. -- must be placed in quotation marks and the source identified. Similarly, work on tests and exams must be the student's own work, not copied or taken from other students' work.

In accordance with the CSU Channel Islands policy on academic dishonesty, students in this course who submit the work of others as their own (plagarize), cheat on tests or examinations, help other students cheat or plagiarize, or commit other acts of academic dishonesty will receive appropriate academic penalties, up to and including failing the course.

Assignments or papers with plagiarized language or ideas will receive a failing grade. Plagiarism or cheating on quizzes or exams will also result in a failing grade. In cases where the cheating or plagiarism was premeditated or planned, students may receive an F for the course.

Students are encouraged to consult with the instructor on when and how to document sources if they have questions about what might constitute an act of plagiarism or cheating.

#### Course Schedule

The schedule below is flexible. For some chapters, we can spend more than indicated here. The objective is learning, not necessarily adhering to a rigid plan.

At least one class will be held on-line using the Internet. Details will be discussed in the class.

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|  | Week  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 |  | Introd.  |  | Federal Reserve |  |  |
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|  | 3 |  | Chapt 3 |  | Chapt 3 |  |  |
|  | 4 |  | Chapt 4 |  | Chapt 4 |  |  |
|  | 5 |  | Chapt 5 |  | Chapt 5 |  |  |
|  | 6 |  | Chapt 7 |  | Chapt 7 |  |  |
|  | 7 |  | Chapt 8 |  | IGER Speech (1) |  |  |
|  | 8 |  | Chapt 8 |  | Too Big to Fail |  |  |
|  | 9 |  | Chapt 9 |  | How to Export (2) |  |  |
|  | 10 |  | Chapt 9 |  | Review |  |  |
|  | 11 |  | Mid-term |  | Holiday |  |  |
|  | 12 |  | Chapt 12 |  | Chapt 12 |  |  |
|  | 13 |  | Chapt 13 |  | Chapt 13 |  |  |
|  | 14 |  | Chapt 14 |  | Chapt 14 |  |  |
|  | 15 |  | Chapt 15 |  | Review |  |  |
|  | 16 |  | Final Exam (8-10am) |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | (1) Extra Credit (2 pts) No Regular Class 7:30am to 9:00am Free Breakfast Malibu 100 |  |
|  |  | (2) Extra Credit (3 pts)No Regular Class 10:30am to 2:00pm Free Lunch Malibu 100 |  |

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