### Course Calendar, Including Office Hours, Course Coverage, Assignment Deadlines and Exam Dates

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*Course Calendar includes office hours, course coverage, assignment deadlines, and exam dates for Econ 2305-007, 008, and 009 Principles of Macroeconomics Fall 2018 Himarios.*
What You Need to Know About This Syllabus
Continuation in this class implies that you have read this syllabus and agree to adhere to its terms.

Course Content
You will learn what markets are good at (and also why they sometimes fail), why incentives are always important, how real GDP, the price level, and unemployment are measured and how they are determined, and about some of the costs and benefits of government intervention in markets.

Student Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course you should be able to:

- Use supply and demand to answer questions on economic topics.
- Explain how output, prices, and unemployment levels are determined in a market economy.
- Describe the pros and cons of intervention by the government and the Federal Reserve.
- Recognize appropriate information sources for data about the state of the economy.

Required Materials
1. UTA Digital Access and eText Bundle ($77.50).

You will have automatic access to this system and the accompanying e-textbook on the first day of class via Blackboard, but you must pay for it by Tuesday, September 11th, or you will lose access. To purchase it, use the following link to add the required bundle to your bookstore cart:
https://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/CourseMaterialsResultsView?catalogId=10001&categoryId=9604&storeId=10645&langId=-1&programId=771&termId=100053439&divisionDisplayName=1&departmentDisplayName=ECON&courseDisplayName=2306&sectionDisplayName=002&demoKey=d&purpose=browse

WARNING: If you do not buy this, you will not be able to complete your homework or quizzes. This means that you will have 0's on 40% of your coursework. If you manage to earn 100's on the other assignments, your course average will be 60 and you will receive a D in the course. Most likely, though, you will earn an F in the course.

WARNING #2: I do not give extensions to students who miss HW and quiz deadlines due to lack of access to the MyEconLab online learning system.

You do not need the $75 loose-leaf textbook.
2. **Webcam and microphone.** Your computer must have a functioning webcam and microphone to use for online office hours and the midterm and the final. If you are using a built-in webcam you must have a large hand mirror available for the midterm and the final.

3. **Respondus LockDown browser.** You must download and use this free proctoring app for the midterm, the departmental assessment, and the final. There is a tab labeled "Respondus" on the Blackboard course menu where you can get information about downloading and using this app.

**Descriptions of Graded Assignments and Examinations**

**Homework:**
There are 22 online multiple-choice homework assignments. You can work on each untimed homework assignment until its deadline. You may submit your homework assignments after their deadlines, subject to a 10-point per day penalty. **Note that the lessons on Blackboard do not always correspond to the chapters in your textbook.**

**Quizzes:**
There are 22 online multiple-choice quizzes. You get one attempt for each quiz and 40 minutes in which to complete it. You may submit your quizzes after their deadlines, subject to a 10-point per day penalty. **Note that the lessons on Blackboard do not always correspond to the chapters in your textbook.**

**Midterm Exam:**
There is one online multiple-choice midterm exam. It covers Lessons 1-11. You get one 75-minute attempt for it.

**Departmental Assessment:**
There is an online departmental assessment (mostly multiple-choice). It covers all lessons. **You will not be allowed access to take the final exam until you complete it.** You get one attempt for it.

**Final Exam:**
There is one online multiple-choice final exam. It covers Lessons 12-22. You get one 75-minute attempt for it.

**Grade Computation and Grading Policy**

A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; F = 50-59.

Use this formula to calculate your course grade:

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\text{Grade} = \left( \frac{\text{HW Avg 1} + \text{HW Avg 2} + \text{Q Avg 1} + \text{Q Avg 2} + \text{Departmental Assessment}}{\text{HW Avg 1}} \times 0.10 \right) + \left( \frac{\text{Midterm Grade} + \text{Final Exam Grade}}{\text{Midterm Grade}} \times 0.25 \right)
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where:
- “HW Avg 1” is the average of your highest 9 grades on HW1-11. (10% of course grade)
- “HW Avg 2” is the average of your highest 9 grades on HW12-22. (10% of course grade)
- “Q Avg 1” is the average of your highest 9 grades on Q1-Q11. (10% of course grade)
- “Q Avg 2” is the average of your highest 9 grades on Q12-Q22. (10% of course grade)
- “Departmental Assessment” is your score on the departmental assessment. (10% of course grade)
- “Midterm Grade” is your score on the midterm exam. (25% of course grade)
- “Final Exam Grade” is your score on the final exam. (25% of course grade)

**Makeup and Extension Policy**

I will consider extending your deadline for the midterm, departmental assessment, or final if you face a true emergency. You must contact me ASAP and I may require documentation that I consider acceptable.

A zero on a homework or quiz only lowers your course average by 1.11 point, so it's not the biggest deal if you miss the deadline for one. Don't treat it as such. I also drop your four lowest homework grades and your four lowest quiz grades. However:
1. I will consider extending other quiz and homework deadlines if Pearson reports that a MEL system disruption occurred on a due date (see https://support.pearson.com/getsupport/s/ for disruption information).

2. I will accept late homework and quizzes after deducting a 10-point per day penalty from your final score.

Schedule a cushion for family emergencies, work challenges, Blackboard glitches, computer crashes, lost textbooks and the like so that you don’t miss my deadlines. You may always complete your work early.

**Curves and Extra Credit**
Do not expect your course average to be curved. If you ask for a curve, you automatically disqualify yourself from any that might be given.

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**Ungraded Assignments: Opportunities for Practice**
You are expected to stay up-to-date on ungraded assignments available on Blackboard and MyLab.

Ungraded Blackboard assignments include readings, videos, podcasts, photographs, applets, worksheets, et cetera. I will also post weekly video messages to the class that you need to watch.

MyLab is an online learning system that presents you with multiple practice tools. I will discuss how to use MyLab in my first weekly video. Here are some screenshots showing you the “Study Plan,” “Multimedia Library,” and “Chapter Resources” tabs where you will find the ungraded practice tools that are important.
Expectations for Out-of-Class Study
Students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least 12 hours of their own time each week in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, and taking quizzes and exams.

University Required Information

Faculty Profile
https://mentis-test.uta.edu/profile/export/export/id/506?format=print

Communication
I will usually reply within 4 business days to general questions received via email or phone.

Assignment Feedback
Your score will be available for each homework assignment and quiz as soon as you submit it. Your discussion grades will be available within two weeks from its deadline. Since my quizzes are proprietary you will not be able to review them. However, not-for-credit practice quizzes are available that you can use and review to prepare for your exams.

Drop Policy
Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/).

Adjustments
I reserve the right to adjust the course schedule and syllabus in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course.

Attendance
At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. Attendance will not be taken in this online section. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients “begin attendance in a course.” UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test,
participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

**Description of Course Content**

Elementary models of the macro economy, measures of aggregate economic activity and unemployment and inflation, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, international trade and payments, and applications of theory to society’s problems.

**Course Objectives**

This course satisfies the following objectives.

1. Critical thinking skills include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information. You will demonstrate evidence of critical thinking skills by examining and critiquing alternative models of the macroeconomy and alternative explanations and solutions to macroeconomic problems such as inflation and unemployment on course exams.
2. Communication skills include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication. You will demonstrate communication skills throughout the course through classroom participation and course assignments.
3. Empirical and quantitative skills include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions. Students will be able to work with quantitative measures such as the Consumer Price Index and determine inflation rate. Based on these measures students will be able to judge the impact of various fiscal and monetary policies. You will demonstrate these skills by answering questions on course exams and course assignments.
4. Social responsibility includes intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities. Students will be able to articulate the impact that alternative methods of encouraging economic growth might have on the economy. You will demonstrate these skills by answering questions on course exams and course assignments.

**Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites for this course.

**Course Purpose**

This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in social and behavioral sciences.

**Disability Accommodations**

UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Campus Carry**

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/.

**Electronic Communication**

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

**Academic Integrity**

Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at https://www.uta.edu/conduct/.
**Title IX Policy**
The University of Texas at Arlington ("University") is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. For information regarding Title IX, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.

**Non-Discrimination Policy**
The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.

**Student Feedback Survey**
At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

**Final Review Week**
For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Student Support Services**
UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.