

COURSE SYLLABUS
Fall 2007

Economics 2A
Principles of Macroeconomics
Online Course
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Email is the fastest way to contact me. Voicemail is the slowest. I guarantee an immediate electronic response during online office hours. If I'm in the office, my door is always open.

Course Description: This course is excellent review of key economic concepts. It is designed for students preparing for graduate programs in business administration or economics and for economics majors transferring a 3-unit principles course.

This is a 1-unit course that runs entirely online. Each student is required to purchase a semester subscription to Aplia.com for \$35 (this is much cheaper than a textbook!). To use Aplia.com you need a connection to the Internet from a fairly standard computer on campus or from your home. To sign up for Aplia go to www.aplia.com. You will need to set up a user name and password, and you will need to provide a "key code" that is specific to this class and this semester. See the next page for more information about Aplia.

The expected workload is 2 to 3 hours per week for 8 weeks. This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis. To receive credit requires an average score of 75 percent or better.

The online activity consists of "practice" and "graded" problem sets designed to help you succeed in understanding key economic concepts. The practice sets are important for helping refresh key economic concepts. Aplia gives you *immediate feedback* on your submitted answers along with detailed explanations of why answers are correct or wrong. Very helpful! When you feel confident in the material, you can proceed to the graded sets. The practice sets are optional. Only the graded sets will count toward your grade in this course. Aplia will give you answers to the graded sets only after the due date.

Dealines are very important in this class. Be sure to acquaint yourself with the Aplia website and notice the specific due dates. Practically speaking, there is no reason to miss a due date. You can submit answer to all questions ahead of time, and you can even keep making changes on submitted answers up to the time date the assignments are due. You have flexibility on when you work, but the due dates are firm.

Textbook: None is required. Your old principles textbook or any textbook from the public library can serve as reference support. I also recommend the following book:

Basic Economics by Walter Wessels. Published by Barrons. Covers micro- and macroeconomics.
Available at Amazon for less than \$12: http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0764112740/ref=lib_dp_TFC

Live Contact: For technical difficulties using the Aplia web site, contact their help desk by clicking the Aplia Support link (at the bottom of any Aplia page) or by e-mailing support@aplia.com. You will receive a response within one business day. These people are efficient, courteous and effective in dealing with technical problems.

For advising, enrollment and other questions related to this course, please contact Professor Gonzalez



Student Registration and Payment Instructions

Course Name: ECON 2A: Macroeconomics Lab--Fall 2007

Start Date: 08/23/2007

Professor: Rodolfo Gonzalez

Course Key: NZY8-VHZ8-2YST

You can begin working on your homework as soon as you register!

- In this course, you will use a textbook and Aplia's website.
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Registration

Registration Instructions

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com>.
2. Click the **System Configuration Test** link below the **Sign In** and **Register** sections to make sure you can access all of the features on Aplia's website. This takes just a few seconds and tells you how to update your browser settings if necessary.
3. Return to <http://www.aplia.com>.
 - If you have never used Aplia before, click the **New Student** button and enter your Course Key: **NZY8-VHZ8-2YST**. Continue following the instructions to complete your registration.
 - If you have used Aplia before, sign in with your usual e-mail address and password and enter your Course Key when prompted: **NZY8-VHZ8-2YST**. If you are not prompted for a new Course Key, click the **Enter Course Key** button to enroll in a new Aplia course. Enter your Course Key when you are prompted.
4. If you understand your payment options, pay now. Otherwise, postpone your purchase decision by choosing the option to pay later. Your payment grace period ends at the end of the day on 09/12/2007.

Payment

Pay Aplia Directly

- Purchase access to your course directly from Aplia on our website for \$35.00 USD.
 - The website includes content that has been customized for your textbook and course.