

ECON 2A Macroeconomics Lab
COURSE SYLLABUS

Economics 2A
Principles of Macroeconomics
Online Course
San José State University

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My Office Hours:

See [my teaching website](#) for current office hours.

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 López.



Student Registration and Payment Instructions

Course Name: Econ 2A Macroeconomics Lab Fall 2009

Start Date: 08/25/2009

Instructor: Edward J Lopez

Course Key: UHLH-5S8B-92HP

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

If you have never used Aplia before...

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com>.
2. Click the New Student link and enter your Course Key: **UHLH-5S8B-92HP**. Continue following the instructions to complete your registration.

If you have used Aplia before...

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com>.
2. Sign in with your usual e-mail address and password and enter your Course Key when prompted: **UHLH-5S8B-92HP**. 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.

** You will have different payment options after you register for your course. If you choose to pay later, you can use Aplia without paying until 11:59 PM on 09/14/2009.*

Payment

Aplia Access

- **From Aplia:** Purchase access to your course from Aplia's website for \$35.00 USD.

If you have questions about registering or using the Aplia website, please contact Aplia 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 in one business day.
