

San José State University, College of Social Science
Econ 1A-63, Principles of Macroeconomics
Fall, 2020

Course and Contact Information

Instructor:	Don Crooks
Office Location:	DMH 219 (not currently in use)
Email:	don.crooks@sjsu.edu
Office Hours:	Wed. 5:30 to 6:15 pm (by appointment on Zoom)
Class Days/Time:	Wed. 6:30 to 9:15 pm
Classroom:	Online. No in-person classes until further notice
Prerequisites:	Basic high school algebra and geometry recommended

SJSU Catalog Description

Determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth. Notes: May be taken concurrently or prior to ECON 1B.

Course Format

This a hybrid course requiring internet connectivity. All activities are accessed through Canvas, the SJSU learning management system. Some activities, such as quizzes, exams, and discussions, require online attendance during regular class times as specified in the attached course schedule. However, many lectures are recorded and posted on Canvas. They can be viewed at the student's convenience. See the attached schedule for more detailed information on course activities and the modes of participation.

Course Requirements and Assignments

This course requires regular reading assignments, recorded lectures, homework, and participation in class discussions. Course concepts are cumulative, so students who fall behind will find it difficult to catch-up. There also may be changes to the attached schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. These changes will be announced during class discussion periods and on Canvas as soon as they are known. Students are responsible for checking Canvas regularly for any changes to the attached schedule.

University Policy S16-9 requires the following language to be included in the syllabus:

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to discuss and answer questions related to three broad areas of economics including:

- Comparative Advantage (specialization and the gains from trade; globalization);
- Macroeconomic Measures (real versus nominal calculations; components and concept of GDP; components and concept of unemployment figures; calculation of inflation);
- Macroeconomic Models (circular flow; monetary and fiscal policy; the market for loanable funds & interest rate determination; the demand and supply of money & price level determination).

Textbook

Principles of Macroeconomics 2e, Greenlaw, Shapiro and Taylor, ICBN-13: 978-1-947172-38-8. Accessible online through OpenStax at no charge: <https://openstax.org/details/books/principles-macroeconomics-2e>. You will also be able to access the text through Sapling Learning once you have created a Sapling account through Canvas. I recommend obtaining a hardcopy of the text. It is available through OpenStax, the Spartan Bookstore, or elsewhere for \$35 or less.

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

You will need a basic calculator for use during quizzes, exams, and homework.

You will also need a device with internet access, preferably a desktop or laptop computer to access the following applications:

Canvas: You will need to register for Canvas, which is free for all SJSU students. Instructions for enrolling in Canvas are available through my.sjsu.edu/. You will need to access to Canvas to participate in all course activities, including quizzes, exams, zoom meetings, and recorded lectures.

Zoom Meetings: There will be regular Zoom discussions which you will access through Canvas. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading per Academic Policy F-69-24. However, regular participation is **strongly** recommended.

Sapling Learning: There will be regular homework assignments in Sapling Learning. You must access Sapling through Canvas as described below. There is a one-time fee of \$42.00. However, you may enroll in Sapling and begin doing the assignments before the fee is due, so you should do so immediately.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING SAPLING LEARNING HOMEWORK

1. Follow the Sapling Learning link from your instructor's Canvas course page.
 - **For initial registration, your Sapling Learning homework must be accessed through Canvas.** After logging in once using that link, you can log in to subsequent sessions from either your instructor's course page or from the Sapling home page.
2. If you already have a Macmillan Learning account, you do not need to create a new password. Log in with your existing credentials and skip to step 4.

- Create your password and set all three security questions.
 - Start typing in your institution to select from the options that appears in the Primary Institution or School name field. If your institution does not appear you can add it by typing in the full name.
 - Accept the terms of use and click “Sign Up”.
 - Check your email for the confirmation link to complete your registration and return to the login page.
3. Set your institution by searching using your institution’s full name and selecting the appropriate option from the menu that appears.
 4. You’ve been automatically enrolled into the appropriate homework course on Sapling Learning and will be directed to your course page.
 5. To access your e-book click on the image of the cover on the right sidebar of your course site. Create an account or log in with an existing Macmillan Learning eBook account.
 6. **Need Help?** Answers to many common questions are found in our Student Support Community. If you need direct assistance you can also contact technical support: <https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/>.

The following link includes more detailed instructions on how to register for your course:
<https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/article/Sapling-Learning-Student-Single-Sign-On>

Examinations and Quizzes

There will be frequent quizzes, two midterms, and a cumulative final exam as set out in the attached schedule.

Missed exams cannot be made up unless you have a valid, documented reason (e.g., serious medical condition). You must notify me by email as soon as you are aware of a condition that will cause you to miss an exam. Make-up exams will not be identical to the missed exam.

Missed quizzes, class activities, and Sapling assignments will not be excused except under extraordinary circumstances. However, I will drop your lowest grade from each of the Quizzes, Activities, and Sapling components when figuring out your final grade.

Grading Information

All activities will receive a numerical grade, based your performance relative to others in the class (curved). It is not a percentage grade. At the end of the semester your numerical grade will be translated into a letter grade as follows; 100-97 A+, 96-93 A, 92-90 A-, 89-87 B+, 86-83 B, 82-80 B-, 79-77 C+, 76-73 C, 72-70 C-, 69-67 D+, 66-63 D, 62-60 D-, and less than 60 F. **Missed activities receive a grade of 50.** Normal rounding rules apply. Your final grade will be weighted as follows:

<u>Activity:</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Quizzes	20%
Classroom activities	10%
Sapling HW	20%
1 st Midterm	15%
2 nd Midterm	15%
Final Exam	20%

Grades for all activities will be posted on Canvas as soon as they are graded. Students will be able to see their current course grade by clicking on the Grade button in Canvas. However, the total grade will not include any extra credit earned in the course. Extra credit will be added onto your total grade before submitting to SJSU.

Extra Credit: There will be a limited number of extra credit opportunities during the semester. These will be announced in “class” and posted on Canvas later in the semester.

Classroom Protocol

The protocol for live Zoom discussions is similar to regular in-person lectures. I encourage questions and will try to respond throughout the discussion. Keep your mic turned off unless you are speaking.

For questions concerning recorded lectures or other issues, use email. I am available for private Zoom conferences during office hours or at other times by appointment.

University Policies

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person’s ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University.

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>” **Make sure to review these policies and resources.**

Course Schedule – Econ. 1A-63

Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall, 2020

(Any changes to this schedule will be announced in advance on Canvas.)

Date	Reading Assign.	Topics, Activities, Due Dates
8/19/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm – Zoom meeting - First Class
-Pt. 2		Ch. 1 Welcome to Economics - Lectures Posted on Canvas
8/26/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Sapling HW Due: “Using the Tools in Sapling Learning” (p/f) Ch. 2 Choice in a World of Scarcity - Lectures Posted 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 2 Discussion & Activity
-Pt. 2	Ch. 3	Ch. 3 Demand & Supply - Lectures Posted
9/2/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 3 Sapling HW Due (graded) 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 3 Discussion 7:15pm - Quiz #1 (Ch. 1-3)
-Pt. 2	Ch. 6	Ch. 6 Measuring National Income (GDP) - Lectures Posted
9/9/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 6 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 6 Discussion & Activity
-Pt. 2	Ch. 7	Ch. 7 Economic Growth - Lectures Posted
9/16/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 7 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 7 Discussion – Review for Quiz & Midterm #1 7:15pm - Quiz #2 (Ch. 6-7)
-Pt. 2	Ch. 8	Ch. 8 Unemployment - Lectures Posted
9/23/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Midterm #1 (Ch. 1-3, 6-7)
-Pt. 2	Ch. 9	Ch. 9 Inflation - Lectures Posted
9/30/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 8-9 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 8-9 Discussion 7:15pm - Quiz #3 (Ch. 8-9)
-Pt. 2	Ch. 11	Ch. 11 Aggregate Demand/Aggregate Supply Model - Lectures Posted
10/7/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 11 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 11 Discussion & Activity
-Pt. 2	Ch. 12-13	Ch. 12-13 Keynesian and Neoclassical Economics - Lectures Posted
10/14/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 12-13 Worksheet Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 12-13 Discussion & Activity 7:15pm – Quiz #4 (Ch. 11-13)
-Pt. 2		7:45pm – Zoom – Discussion – Review for Midterm #2
10/21/2020		6:30pm - Midterm #2 (Ch. 8-9, 11-13)

Date	Reading Assign.	Topics, Activities, Due Dates
-Pt. 1		
-Pt. 2	Ch. 14	Ch. 14 Money & Banking - Lectures Posted
10/28/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 14 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 14 Discussion & Activity
-Pt. 2	Ch. 15	Ch. 15 Monetary Policy - Lectures Posted
11/4/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 15 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 15 Discussion 7:15pm - Quiz #5 (Ch. 14-15)
-Pt. 2	Ch. 17	Ch. 17 Fiscal Policy – Lectures Posted
11/11/2020		Veterans' Day
11/18/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 17 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 17 Discussion & Activity
-Pt. 2	Ch. 20	Ch. 20 International Economics - Lectures Posted
11/25/2020		Thanksgiving Break
12/2/2020 -Pt. 1		6:30pm - Ch. 20 Sapling HW Due 6:30pm – Zoom – Ch. 20 Discussion 7:15pm - Quiz #6 (Ch. 17, 20)
-Pt. 2		7:30pm – Zoom – Review for Final Exam
12/9/2020	Final Exam	7:45pm – 10pm (per SJSU Final Exam Schedule)