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Course Description and Objectives: Economics is the social science of choices and the study of issues associated with the allocation of scarce resources. This course is designed to introduce classic macroeconomic issues such as unemployment, inflation, national income, and economic growth. The course will provide a unified framework to address these issues and to study the impact of different policies, such as monetary and fiscal policies, on the aggregate behavior of the economy. Analytical tools will be used to understand the experiences of the United States and other countries, and to address how current policy initiatives affect their macroeconomic preference. By learning to “think like an economist,” students will improve their ability to comprehend contemporary issues and understand the role that incentives play in decision-making.

Required Materials:

Textbook: The textbook is N. Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Macroeconomics: 8th edition*. Earlier editions are acceptable, but not recommended. If you choose to use an earlier edition, it is your responsibility to check that the chapters correspond. Also, make sure you have the correct book title because there are various abridged versions with similar titles by the same author.

Aplia: We are using Mankiw’s book in conjunction with Aplia, an online application that contains a wealth of materials to help you understand and apply the concepts we discuss in class. Homework assignments and interactive experiments will be assigned through Aplia, so it is *mandatory* that you purchase access to it.

The textbook and a one-semester subscription to Aplia can be purchased as a bundle (ISBN-13: 9781337378871) from CengageBrain at <https://www.cengagebrain.com/shop>. You can also purchase just a one-semester Aplia subscription (ISBN-13: 9781337108027) if you are using a used or older version of the textbook. Also, your subscription to Aplia includes free access to an online version of the textbook. Information on how to register for this course in Aplia is provided on page 3 of the syllabus.

Grading:

There are five components that make up your course grade. More information is on the next page.

- 8% In-class quizzes
- 8% Aplia experiments
- 24% Aplia homework assignments
- 24% Midterm exam – Tuesday, October 17th, in class.
- 36% Final exam – Tuesday, December 19th, 1:40-4:20pm.

In-class quizzes (8%): There will be between ten and fifteen short pop quizzes throughout the semester. These quizzes cannot be made-up if missed. Your lowest two quiz scores will be dropped.

Aplia experiments (8%): We will be doing four computerized experiments through Aplia that will enhance your understanding of economic principles. Each experiment takes between 30 and 60 minutes, and they are fun and instructional. The first experiment will be conducted in class on Tuesday, September 13th. The other three experiments will be Sundays at 9:00pm on 9/24, 10/8, and 10/29. Full participation includes short Aplia assignments before and after the experiment. You will receive a tradable permit that allows you to drop one of your experiment grades, meaning you only need to participate in two of the three Sunday experiments.

Aplia homework assignments (24%): Homework assignments must be completed through Aplia. You may work with one or more classmates if you wish, but you are each responsible for submitting your own work. The homework assignments are due at 11:00pm on the due date, and no late assignments will be accepted. Be aware that questions and answers are randomized and may differ for each student.

Midterm exam (24%): The in-class midterm exam will be on Tuesday, October 17th. There will be no make-ups for the midterm exam. If you have a medical excuse or family emergency and cannot attend the exam, you must let me know at least 48 hours in advance and provide proper documentation.

Final exam (36%): The cumulative final exam for this course is from 1:40-4:20pm on Tuesday, December 19th. This time is not flexible. An excused absence for the final exam will be handled according to the policy of the college and the Dean of Students.

Expectations and Feedback:

I expect you to attend every class and to have done the assigned readings. I also expect you to help maintain an effective learning environment by being open-minded and considerate toward your fellow classmates and by refraining from texting, surfing the web, and other behavior that might be distracting. In return, I will strive to conduct organized and insightful class sessions and to treat you and your intellectual work with fairness and respect. I greatly value feedback related to the course subject matter, the lecture pace, and my teaching style. Feel free to talk to me in person, send me an email, or leave an anonymous note in my mailbox in the School of Business Mailroom (BUSC 112).

Academic Integrity Policy:

Farmingdale State College has developed regulations concerning academic dishonesty and integrity to maintain an ethical academic environment. Presenting someone else's work as your own is a serious offense. For Aplia homework assignments, you may study, discuss, and work with your classmates, but each of you is required to submit your own work. For exams, no help from any resource is allowed unless specifically authorized. Any student who cheats on the midterm or final exam will fail the class.

Students with Disabilities:

If you have a disability and require accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible so that your learning needs can be appropriately addressed. You will need to provide documentation of your disability from the Disability Services Center (Roosevelt Hall, Room 151, or call 631-420-2411/2607).

Aplia Course Information and Instructions:

Instructor: Kenneth Liao
Course Name: ECO 156: Principles of Economics (Macro), F17
Begin Date: 08/28/2017
End Date: 12/31/2017
Textbook: Principles of Macroeconomics (8e) by Mankiw
Course Key: VA6F-XYNW-ANV2

Registration: 1. Connect to <http://login.cengagebrain.com/course/VA6F-XYNW-ANV2>.
2. Follow the prompts to register for the Aplia course. You will be asked to:
3. Enter your student ID number (RAM ID number) and select your class section.

Payment: After registering for the course, you will need to pay for access.

Online: You can pay online using a credit or debit card, or PayPal.

Bookstore: You can purchase access to Aplia from the campus bookstore.

Free Trial: Your course enrollment includes a free trial of Aplia that lasts for two weeks. After the free trial period ends, your course access will be suspended until your payment has been made. All of your scores and course activity will be saved and will be available to you after you pay for access.

System Check: To check whether your computer meets the requirements for using Aplia, go to <http://www.aplia.com/support/sysreq.jsp>.

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http://www.farmingdale.edu/campus-life/pdf/handbook_2011_2012.pdf

Campus Police:

631-420-2111

Course Outline:

I will do my best to adhere to this schedule, but I reserve the right to make changes as needed. I will not change the dates of the exams.

Date(s)	Topic	Reading (Ch.)	Homework	Experiments
8/29, 8/31, 9/5, 9/7	Introduction	1, 2, 3	#1. 9/10, 11pm: How to use Aplia, Math and Graphing	
9/12, 9/14	Supply and Demand	4	#2. 9/17, 11pm: Ch. 1, 2	#1. 9/12: (in-class)
9/19, 9/21, 9/26, 9/28	Market Equilibrium and Efficiency	5, 6, 7	#3. 9/24, 11pm: Ch. 3, Exp. 1 #4. 10/1, 11pm: Ch. 4, Exp. 2	#2. 9/24: (Sunday, 9pm)
10/3, 10/5	Markets and Welfare	8, 9	#5. 10/8, 11pm: Ch. 5	#3. 10/8: (Sunday, 9pm)
10/10, 10/12	Macroeconomic Data Pt. 1	10, 11	#6. 10/15, 11pm: Ch. 6, 7, Exp. 3	
10/17	Midterm Exam (In-class, covering Chapters 1-9)			
10/19	Macroeconomic Data Pt. 2	10, 11	#7. 10/22, 11pm: Ch. 8, 9	
10/24, 10/26, 10/31, 11/2	Real Economy in the Long Run	12, 13, 14, 15	#8. 10/29, 11pm: Ch. 10, 11 #9. 11/5, 11pm: Ch. 12, 13, Exp. 4	#4. 10/29: (Sunday, 9pm)
11/7, 11/9	Money and Prices in the Long Run	16, 17	#10. 11/12, 11pm: Ch. 14, 15	
11/14, 11/16, 11/21	Open Economies	18, 19	#11. 11/19, 11pm: Ch. 16, 17	
11/23	Thanksgiving Break (no class)			
11/28, 11/30, 12/5, 12/7	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	20, 21, 22	#12. 12/3, 11pm: Ch. 18, 19 #13. 12/10, 11pm: Ch.20, 21, 22	
12/13	Final Exam (10:50am-1:30pm, covering Chapters 1-22)			