

# Principles of Macroeconomics

## ECON-2105

Fall 2021 Section 01 3 Credits 08/11/2021 to 12/10/2021 Modified 08/07/2021

### Description

A study of the economy as a whole including production, economic fluctuations, inflation, unemployment, public policy, and international economics. Requires overall GPA of 2.0.

#### Requisites

Prerequisites:

GPA 2.00 or above required 2.00

Corequisites:

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Note: Please contact me using my campus email address ([dboldt@westga.edu](mailto:dboldt@westga.edu)). I do not utilize the email function in Course Den. If I need to contact you individually, I will do so via your official campus email address. Class announcements impacting the entire class will be made in Course Den.

### Meeting Times

The class meets in Richards 319 on Tuesdays and Thursday at 8am.

### Materials

Required Textbook: McEachern, William A., *ECON Macro 6th edition*, Cengage Learning, 2019. Students who buy a new copy of the book will have access to a student resource website known as Mindtap. The site contains practice chapter quizzes, flashcards, interactive videos, an audio textbook and other useful study resources.

The book is available at the UWG bookstore (for \$44 used or \$87 new). The course materials for this class are also available through Cengage MindTap. MindTap includes your full eBook and audio book, practice assignments, flash cards and many other study tools that can help you throughout this course. You can even access your text from your phone with the Cengage mobile app. To access, simply visit [www.cengage.com](http://www.cengage.com). Create an account, and enter the following Course Key:

Course: ECON 2105-01 - Principles of Macroeconomics - Fall 2021

Course Key: MTPPWF2QFV90

\*\*Please note, if you already have an active Cengage Unlimited Subscription, you can add this eBook/MindTap to your account at no additional charge.

2) Other assigned readings, podcasts and videos will be posted in the Course Outline (posted in Courseden).

3) Course lecture notes will be posted in the Course Den site for the class (no later than 5pm on the day prior to the class lecture).

## Outcomes

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The overall objective of this course is for you to learn basic economic concepts, specifically macroeconomics, and more about the economic system in which we live. To this end, upon completion of the course, the expectation is that students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as gross domestic product, inflation, and unemployment
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of international economics including concepts such as exchange rates and net exports
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the banking system, the impact of the Federal Reserve on the economy, and government taxation and spending policy
- Be able to analyze at a basic level the effectiveness of fiscal and monetary policy in combating inflation or unemployment

## Evaluation

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Grading in the course will be based on your performance on tests and on class participation. The examinations will be composed of short answer and multiple choice questions based on class lectures/discussions and on assigned material (text chapters and other assigned resources). There will be four tests (see course outline for dates). I will count the three tests with the highest grades. Each of these tests will be worth 27% of your grade. Note: you must take the first exam scheduled for September 7. If you fail to take this exam, you will earn a zero on this exam and this grade will not be replaced by the final exam. Note: makeups will only be allowed with a documented excuse. Your class participation grade (19% of total) will be based on in-class activities (quizzes and worksheets). The quiz dates are listed in the course outline. Other graded class activities will take place throughout the semester. If you are unable to attend this class on a regular basis, I would suggest dropping this class. There are no makeups for any missed in-class activities or quizzes.

Criteria

Breakdown

## Assignments

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Specific quiz assignments will be listed in the Course Outline (posted in CourseDen). The general education assessment for this course is addressed by a set of questions contained in Test 1.

## Schedule

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A complete course outline (schedule) will be posted in the CourseDen site for the course.

## College/School Policies

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## Wolf Pact

Having read the Honor Code for the University of West Georgia, I understand and accept my responsibility to uphold the values described therein and to conduct myself in a manner that will reflect the values of UWG and the Richards College of Business so as to respect the rights of all UWG community members. As a UWG student, I will represent myself truthfully and complete all academic assignments honestly and within the parameters set by my instructor.

I understand and accept that if I am found guilty of violations (through processes due me as a UWG student and outlined in the UWG Student Handbook), penalties will be imposed.

I also recognize that my responsibility includes a willingness to confront members of the UWG community if I feel there has been a violation of the Honor Code.

Ultimately, I will conduct myself in a manner that promotes UWG as the best place to work, learn, and succeed for my generation, and those to come!

## About the Richards College of Business

### Vision

To become a globally recognized college of business preparing forward-thinking, responsible leaders.

### Mission

We are in the business of transforming lives through education, engagement, and experiences.

### Strategic Goals and Values

#### *Student Success*

Admit quality students and provide them with an education that is rich in experiences and engagement opportunities to prepare them to be effective and ethical professionals.

#### *Academic Success*

Recruit, retain and develop faculty and staff by providing sufficient resources to support dynamic and up-to-date bachelor and master-level curricula, to conduct research and other professional activities, and to support engagement with all stakeholders.

#### *Operational Success*

Recruit, retain and develop administrative management and staff personnel to manage, develop and support infrastructure and those activities that build internal and external partnerships while working in an ever-changing environment.

#### *Ethical Values*

The Richards College of Business community (administrators, faculty, staff, students, and business partners) share a commitment to the principles of honesty and integrity in interactions and undertakings, accountability for personal behavior, and respect for the rights, differences, and dignity of others. In addition, we strive to continuously improve our abilities to recognize unethical behavior and to make ethical and moral decisions.

## Institutional Policies

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### Academic Support

**Accessibility Services:** Students with a documented disability may work with UWG Accessibility Services to receive essential services specific to their disability. All entitlements to accommodations are based on documentation and USG Board of Regents standards. If a student needs course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if he/she needs to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, the student should notify his/her instructor in writing and provide a copy of his/her Student Accommodations Report (SAR), which is available only from Accessibility Services. Faculty cannot offer accommodations without timely receipt of the SAR; further, no retroactive accommodations will be given. For more information, please contact [Accessibility Services \(https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php).

**Center for Academic Success:** The [Center for Academic Success \(http://www.westga.edu/cas/\)](http://www.westga.edu/cas/) provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6280 or [cas@westga.edu](mailto:cas@westga.edu).

**University Writing Center:** The [University Writing Center \(https://www.westga.edu/writing/\)](https://www.westga.edu/writing/) assists students with all areas of the writing process. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6513 or [writing@westga.edu](mailto:writing@westga.edu).

## Online Courses

UWG takes students' privacy concerns seriously: technology-enhanced and partially and fully online courses use sites and entities beyond UWG and students have the right to know the privacy policies of these entities. For more information on privacy and accessibility for the most commonly used sites, as well as technology requirements visit the [UWG Online \(https://uwgonline.westga.edu/\)](https://uwgonline.westga.edu/) site.

Students enrolled in online courses can find answers to many of their questions in the [Online/Off-Campus Student Guide \(http://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php\)](http://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php).

If a student is experiencing distress and needs help, please see the resources available at the [UWG Cares \(http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/\)](http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/) site. [Online counseling \(https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php) is also available for online students.

## Honor Code

At the University of West Georgia, we believe that academic and personal integrity are based upon honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Students at West Georgia assume responsibility for upholding the honor code. West Georgia students pledge to refrain from engaging in acts that do not maintain academic and personal integrity. These include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery or threats, and stealing.

The University of West Georgia maintains and monitors a confidential Academic Dishonesty Tracking System. This database collects and reports patterns of repeated student violations across all the Colleges, the Ingram Library, and the School of Nursing. Each incidence of academic dishonesty is subject to review and consideration by the instructor, and is subject to a range of academic penalties including, but not limited to, failing the assignment and/or failing the course. Student conduct sanctions range from verbal warning to suspension or expulsion depending on the magnitude of the offense and/or number of offenses. The incident becomes part of the student's conduct record at UWG.

Additionally, the student is responsible for safeguarding his/her computer account. The student's account and network connection are for his/her individual use. A computer account is to be used only by the person to whom it has been issued. The student is responsible for all actions originating through his/her account or network connection. Students must not impersonate others or misrepresent or conceal their identities in electronic messages and actions. For more information on the University of West Georgia Honor Code, please visit the [Office of Community Standards \(https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/ocs/index.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/ocs/index.php) site.

## UWG Email Policy

University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG e-mail account. The University considers this account to be an official means of communication between the University and the student. The purpose of the official use of the student e-mail account is to provide an effective means of communicating important university related information to UWG students in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to check his or her email.

## Credit Hour Policy

The University of West Georgia grants one semester hour of credit for work equivalent to a minimum of one hour (50 minutes) of in-class or other direct faculty instruction AND two hours of student work outside of class per week for approximately fifteen weeks. For each course, the course syllabus will document the amount of in-class (or other direct faculty instruction) and out-of-class work required to earn the credit hour(s) assigned to the course. Out-of-class work will include all forms of credit-bearing activity, including but not limited to assignments, readings, observations, and musical practice. Where available, the university grants academic credit for students who verify via competency-based testing, that they have accomplished the learning outcomes associated with a course that would normally meet the requirements outlined above (e.g. AP credit, CLEP, and departmental exams).

## HB 280 (Campus Carry)

UWG follows University System of Georgia (USG) guidance: [http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional\\_information#](http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information#) ([http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional\\_information](http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information))

You may also visit our website for help with USG Guidance: <https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php> (<https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php>)

## Mental Health Support

If you or another student find that you are experiencing a mental health issue, free confidential services are available on campus in the [Counseling Center](#). Students who have experienced sexual or domestic violence may receive confidential medical and advocacy services with the Patient Advocates in [Health Services](#). To report a concern anonymously, please go to [UWGcares](#).

## ELL Resources

If you are a student having difficulty with English language skills, and / or U.S. culture is not your home culture, specialized resources are available to help you succeed. Please visit the [E.L.L. resource page](#) for more information.

## COVID-19

The health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff remain the University of West Georgia's top priority.

For the most recent information on coronavirus disease (COVID-19) visit:

- [UWG's Guidance on Face Coverings \(https://www.westga.edu/coronavirus-info/return-to-campus/faq/what-is-the-guidance-on-the-use-of-face-coverings.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/coronavirus-info/return-to-campus/faq/what-is-the-guidance-on-the-use-of-face-coverings.php)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FAQ \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html)
- [Georgia Department of Public Health \(https://dph.georgia.gov/\)](https://dph.georgia.gov/)

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