



**Principles of Macroeconomics**  
SSC111 [all sections]  
Southwestern College Professional Studies

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**I. Course Catalog Description**

Principles of Macroeconomics introduces students to fundamental economic concepts and encourages them to consider how those concepts apply to the real world and to their own lives. Students will explore the models of economics, how they portray economic interdependence and market equilibrium, and how they contribute to optimal resource allocation. Students will examine classic macroeconomic issues, such as the effects of government intervention on businesses and individuals. They will evaluate macroeconomic conditions and think about how monetary and fiscal policies affect the corporate world and the overall economy. Students will distinguish between short- and long-run macroeconomic forces and learn how monetary systems influence economic variables.

**II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials**

Mankiw, N.G. (2015). *Essentials of Economics* (7th ed.). Cengage Learning. Print ISBN: 9781285165950. This ebook is included in the course fees for this class. No additional book purchase is necessary.

**III. Learning Outcomes**

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Explain the concepts that make up the foundation of the study of economics.
2. Determine the benefits of economic interdependence using the economic model of comparative advantage.
3. Illustrate market equilibrium using the tools of supply and demand.
4. Explain short- and long-run economic fluctuations using economic variables.
5. Explain the monetary system and how it affects the long-run behavior of the economy.
6. Explain how monetary and fiscal policies impact the corporate world and the overall economy.

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

**IV. Course Policies**

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies found in the instructor-specific syllabus located in the Blackboard course.

### V. Course Requirements:

| Requirements        | Number of Assignments | Points Possible | Percent of Grade |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Short Answer        | 6                     | 130             | 13%              |
| Team Project        | 1                     | 70              | 7%               |
| Case Study          | 2                     | 80              | 8%               |
| Discussion          | 9                     | 270             | 27%              |
| Essay               | 5                     | 150             | 15%              |
| Midterm Exam        | 1                     | 150             | 15%              |
| Final Exam          | 1                     | 150             | 15%              |
| <b>Total Points</b> |                       | <b>1,000</b>    | <b>100%</b>      |

### VI. Course at a Glance:

| Unit | Reading & Preparation Activities  | Graded Work Due   |
|------|---|---|
| 1    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 9</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 9</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 9</li> </ul> | Assignment 1.1: Team Project<br>Assignment 1.2: Short Answer<br>Assignment 1.3: Short Answer<br>Assignment 1.4: Case Study        |
| 2    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 4, 5, and 7</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 4, 5, and 7</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 4, 5, and 7</li> </ul>          | Assignment 2.1: Short Answer<br>Assignment 2.2: Discussion<br>Assignment 2.3: Short Answer<br>Assignment 2.4: Discussion          |
| 3    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 6, 8, and 10</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 6, 8, and 10</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 6, 8, and 10</li> </ul>       | Assignment 3.1: Essay<br>Assignment 3.2: Discussion<br>Assignment 3.3: Discussion<br>Assignment 3.4: Short Answer<br>Midterm Exam |
| 4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 15, 16, and 20</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 15, 16, and 20</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 15, 16, and 20</li> </ul> | Assignment 4.1: Essay<br>Assignment 4.2: Discussion<br>Assignment 4.3: Essay<br>Assignment 4.4: Discussion                        |
| 5    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 21 and 22</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 21 and 22</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 21 and 22</li> </ul>                | Assignment 5.1: Short Answer<br>Assignment 5.2: Discussion<br>Assignment 5.3: Case Study  |
| 6    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essentials of Economics</i>: Chapters 23 and 24</li> <li>• Lecture Slides: Chapters 23 and 24</li> <li>• Mankiw Road Map Videos, Chapters 23 and 24</li> </ul>                | Assignment 6.1: Essay<br>Assignment 6.2: Discussion<br>Assignment 6.3: Discussion<br>Assignment 6.4: Essay<br>Final Exam          |

### VII. Other Policies and Requirements

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