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Instructor: Perry A. Burnett

Course Title: ECON 204 Principles of Macroeconomics

Course Time: 9-9:50 am M/W and Recitations

Course Location: Eddy 212

## EC 204: Course Syllabus

### Course Description:

The course will introduce students to macroeconomic problems, analyses and policies. The course will emphasize a broad-based learning experience while exposing students to the particular perspectives of economics as a social science. Students will continue to develop an economic way of thinking and construct a foundation to critically evaluate macroeconomic analyses and policies that are discussed in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Business Week* and other periodicals.

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### Textbook (Required):

Principles of Macroeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Cengage.

### Academic Requirements:

There will be four section evaluations and a current events application paper. One of the first three section evaluations will be dropped. Section 4 evaluation is mandatory. NO MAKUP EXAMS will be awarded without official documentation (Sanctioned University Event, Medical or Legal).

| Section Evaluation   | Date             | Chapters       | Points |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|
| Section 1            | February 16      | 1-5            | 100    |
| Section 2            | March 11         | 9-13           | 100    |
| Section 3            | April 13         | 15-19          | 100    |
| Section 4            | May 12           | 20-23          |        |
| (semi-comprehensive) | (11:20am-1:20pm) | (sections 1-3) | 120    |

**Current Event Research Paper:**

A 1,500 word current event research paper on an approved topic (**A hard copy of topic is due March 26/27**) is due in recitation April 23/24. A hard copy as well as an electronic copy must be submitted. We will use turnitin.com, a plagiarism detection service. The grading will assign Excellent, Good, Average or Below Average or a combination to each section. The grading structure is below and will include compositional quality such as spelling, grammar and organization. This paper is out of 50 points:

- **Section 1: Introduction.** Motivate your topic. Explain why it is relevant in today's world and why your peers should read your paper. (5 points)
- **Section 2: Research.** Thoroughly explain the current condition of your topic and discuss its complexities and complications. You must cite and turn in copies of at least four(4) sources (**Sources must be from at least Jan. 2008**). Your sources may be newspaper, magazine or academic articles. The university library has a good article database. (20 points)
- **Section 3: Questions.** Construct four to eight intellectually challenging questions concerning future directions or foundations of your topic. Questions should demonstrate critically thinking ability. (10 points)
- **Section 4: Evaluation.** Critically evaluate your topic. Give your opinions about the different aspects of your topic. Take a position regarding your topic and logically defend it using economic reasoning. You can use class material. (10 points)
- **Section 5: Conclusion and References.** A brief summary of your topic discussion and list of references. What are the important points your reader should remember? (5 points)

**Extra Credit Opportunities:**

Additional points may be awarded for visiting your TA. Every time you visit your TA sign a sign-in sheet. Students will be awarded points based on a scale to be posted on RamCT at the end of the semester.

At times throughout the semester, I may award points for other assignments that I will discuss at the time they are assigned. It is the student's responsibility to get these assignments and complete them on time.

**Grade Distribution (Out of 370 points):**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 330 - Above: A | 295 - 329: B |
| 255 - 294: C   | 220 - 254: D |
| 219 - Below: F |              |

Plus grades may be awarded. No minus grades will be given.

**Class Policies:**

Attendance is expected.

**Students MUST sign the Syllabus Agreement Sheet to complete the class and receive a grade. Students who do not sign will receive an Incomplete for the course.**

**Cheating:** Cheating will not be tolerated in any form. Cheating includes copying, plagiarizing, bringing answers or unauthorized formulas/equations or any other

**method deemed inappropriate. Students caught cheating will receive a grade of zero for the assignment and be reported to the university. See University Handbook policy. Student Conduct: Behavior that interferes with the learning of other students will result in expulsion from the class. Cell phones should be turned off.**

**The syllabus may be changed during the semester at the instructor's discretion. If a change occurs, an announcement will be made in class and a new syllabus will posted on RamCT.**