Econ 2305-007 and 008 Distance Syllabus Fall 2012

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Description of Course Content:
Elementary models of the macro economy, measures of aggregate economic activity and unemployment and inflation, money and banking, monetary and fiscal policy, international trade and payments, and applications of theory to society's problems.

Student Learning Outcomes:
You will be able to:
1. Describe the basic concepts used in economic analysis.
2. Explain how markets work to determine prices and output levels.
3. Analyze the effects of price controls.
4. Discuss how foreign exchange markets work.
5. Describe how real GDP, the price level, and the unemployment rate are measured.
6. Compare and contrast major theories of the macroeconomy.
7. Describe fiscal and monetary policy.

Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:
Gerald W. Stone, Core Macroeconomics, 2nd edition, Worth Publishing. The ISBN for this book is 9781429240017 or 1429240016, depending on where you buy it.

Do not enroll in this course if you will not or cannot buy the text, because careful study and close use of the text is necessary to pass the course.

A study guide called the Course Tutor is available, but optional. If you want to order the text book bundled with the study guide, order ISBN 1429240017.

Assorted readings and short videos. These will be made available to you at no cost on Blackboard.

Special Requirements:
You may have to pay proctoring fees for the final exam.

Go to http://elearn.uta.edu to access the course.
Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates:

**Key Term Quizzes**
There will be a key term quiz (KT quiz) for each chapter. You are allowed to retake KT quizzes until the lesson deadline. Your highest grade for each lesson counts. Your KT quiz grade average will count for 10% of your course grade. I never accept late work for KT quizzes.

**Textbook Quizzes**
There will be a textbook quiz (TB quiz) for each chapter. You are allowed to retake TB quizzes until the lesson deadline. Your highest grade for each lesson counts. Your TB quiz grade average will count for 15% of your course grade. I never accept late work for TB quizzes.

An important word about your KT and TB quizzes: You should not wait until the day of the deadline to begin these quizzes. The key to success is to take them multiple times over several days. This allows you to better process and master the material. It also allows you to see where your weaknesses are so that you can focus on that material more closely while you study your textbook and the supplemental material. Also, after the deadline for a given quiz passes you will only have access to your quiz attempts, so the more attempts you have completed, the more practice questions you will be able to view.

**Exams**
There will be three exams. Each exam will count for 25% of your course grade. You will take the first two online. You must take the third and final exam in front of a proctor.

**Deadlines and Important Dates**

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*See below for your two options for taking the final.*
Scheduling a proctor for Exam 3 (the final exam):

You must take your final on December 6\textsuperscript{th}, 7\textsuperscript{th}, 10\textsuperscript{th}, or 11\textsuperscript{th}.

Option 1: If you are available at from 5:30pm-7pm on Thursday, December 6\textsuperscript{th}, then you can take Exam 3 (the final exam) with me as your proctor in a classroom to be announced on the UTA campus. I do not charge for this service. You are not allowed to come to this session if it conflicts with any of your other UTA classes. Please check the final exam schedule at [http://wweb.uta.edu/ses/recordsandregistration/content/student_services/final_exam_schedule.aspx](http://wweb.uta.edu/ses/recordsandregistration/content/student_services/final_exam_schedule.aspx) to make sure you don’t have a different final exam scheduled between 5:30 and 7pm on Thursday, December 6\textsuperscript{th} before you choose this option.

Option 2: If you are not available for my free proctoring session then you must use a university proctoring service. They will charge you for this service. UTA has such a service, as do a number of other colleges in the area. To schedule an exam with UTA’s proctoring service go to [http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/prospective/testing-services/index.php](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/prospective/testing-services/index.php) for information and to schedule a slot. Since testing slots are limited, you should make arrangements as early in the semester as possible.

Once you decide on which option you will use, go to Blackboard and find the appropriate discussion forum and tell me your choice.

**Makeup Policy:**
If you miss an exam and have an excuse that I find acceptable then I will allow you to take a make-up exam. Let me know as soon as is feasible if you do miss an exam. I may require documentation. I \emph{never} accept late work for quizzes—I urge you to complete your work as far as possible before each deadline because sometimes life/computer/server problems throw unexpected monkey-wrenches into the best-laid plans.

**Grading Policy:**

Course Grade = (Key Term Quiz Average x .20) + (Textbook Quiz Average x .20) + (Exam 1 x .30) + (Exam 2 x .30)

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**Drop Policy:** October 31st is the last day that you can drop this course and still receive an automatic "W." No drops are allowed after this day.

**Academic Integrity:** It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." (Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

You are expected to do your own work for this course. You are not allowed to collaborate on quizzes or exams.

**Student Support Services Available:**
The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses.
These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

**Individuals with Disabilities Act:**
As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.

Go to the UTA Office for Students with Disabilities website at [http://www.uta.edu/disability/](http://www.uta.edu/disability/) for more information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations. Their on-campus office is located in room 102 of University Hall, or they can be called at (817) 272-3364.

**Final Review Week:**
A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabi. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. Classes are held as scheduled during this week and lectures and presentations may be given.

**Librarian to Contact:**
For assistance with library research, you may contact Carol Byrne, UTA Business Librarian for Economics, at [http://libguides.uta.edu/profile.php?uid=839](http://libguides.uta.edu/profile.php?uid=839).

**E-Culture Policy:**
The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University email address as an official means of communication with students. Through the use of email, UT-Arlington is able to provide students with relevant and timely information, designed to facilitate student success. In particular, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation may be sent to students through email. All students are assigned an email account; go to the MavMail website at [http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php](http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php) for information about activating and using this email service. New students (first semester at UTA) are able to activate their email account 24 hours after registering for courses. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active as long as a student is enrolled at UT-Arlington. You are responsible for checking your email regularly. If I need to contact you I will use your UTA email account.

**Grade Grievance Policy:**
You have one calendar year from the date the grade is assigned to initiate any grievance. The normal academic channels are department chair, academic dean, and the provost.

**Other Information:**
I will keep your used exams for 10 days.
I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus.