

## Economics 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

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**Text:** Mankiw, N. Gregory, *Macroeconomics*, Worth Publishers

**Course Objective:** The objective of this course is to increase the understanding of the aggregates in the economy: the interaction of output, employment, and inflation with one another and with government monetary and fiscal policies. Specifically, the models and relationships that we study in this course are the same as those used by policy-makers in making decisions that affect us as individuals. If you decide to become a policy-maker, I want you to have the basis for making informed decisions. If (more likely) you don't plan to run for office or become the next Fed governor, I want you to be informed voters. Readings, class lectures, problem sets, and exams will be the tools used to meet these goals.

**Exams:**

Exam #1	Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	(30% or 15%)
Exam #2	Thursday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	(30% or 15%)
Exam #3	Thursday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	(30% or 15%)
Final	Friday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> 5:30	(0% or 45%)

If you miss an exam due to a college regulated excused absence, notify me soon as possible and provide documentation. No other reasons for missing an exam will be accepted unless you notify me at least a class before the exam date. An unexcused absence from an exam will result in an exam grade of zero.

**Quizzes:** There may be random quizzes throughout the semester.

**Daily Problems:** Problems will be distributed at the end of most classes. The problem(s) will cover material gone over in that class or a previous class. They are due at the beginning of the next class period, since we will go over the problem first. You will assign yourself a grade of 0 ("I didn't do it") to 4 ("I did it perfectly") and turn each problem into me. Your lowest three grades will be dropped. Daily problems will contribute 10% to your final grade

**Attendance Policy:**

While I do not require attendance, I do expect you to come to class on time and forbid you from leaving early without notifying me in advance.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Any evidence of academic dishonesty may result in your failure of this course. Academic dishonesty includes using exams from previous semesters, working together or copying (or allowing someone else to copy) any work that is turned in for a grade.