

# SYLLABUS

Principles of Macroeconomics - Econ 104, section 004

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Text: Gillespie, *Structured Macroeconomics (First Edition)*

Class of:	Topic	Read before class:
January 24	Overview of US economy	Chapters 1,2
January 31	Review of micro	Chapter 3
February 7	GDP - <b>Mini Exam #1</b>	Chapter 4
February 14	Unemployment	Chapter 5
February 21	Inflation	Chapter 6
February 28	Inflation - <b>Mini Exam #2</b>	Chapter 6
March 7	Aggregate demand/supply	Chapter 7
March 14	<i>Spring Break - No class</i>	
March 21	Keynes	Chapter 8
March 28	Fiscal policy - <b>Mini Exam #3</b>	Chapter 9
April 4	Federal budget	Chapter 10
April 11	Money and banks	Chapter 11
April 18	Monetary policy - <b>Mini Exam #4</b>	Chapter 12
April 25	Supply-side policy	Chapter 13
May 2	Economic growth	Chapter 14
May 9	<b>Final exam</b> 7:30-10:15	

**Last day to add** = January 29, 2019      **Last day to drop** = February 12, 2019

Selective withdrawal period = February 26 to March 25, 2019

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## GRADING:

5 online polls at 2% each, 10% total

2 homework assignments at 5% each, 10% total

4 mini exams at 15% each, 45% total (your lowest exam grade will be dropped)

Final exam at 35%

## Grading Scale:

Out of 100 points total:

97 or above = A+

92-96 = A

90-91 = A-

87-89 = B+

82-86 = B

80-81 = B-

77-79 = C+

72-76 = C

70-71 = C-

60-69 = D

Below 60 = F

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## Make-Up Policy:

If you are unable to take the Final Exam on the listed date, a make-up exam will be scheduled.

There will be NO make-ups given for any mini-exam that is missed.

Homework assignments are due on the assigned date. I prefer that homework be printed out and turned in at the start of class.

## Extra Credit:

Extra credit opportunities will be announced periodically throughout the semester. Each extra credit point you earn is worth 1/10 of a point toward your course grade. So, for example, if you earn 15 extra credit points, and your final course grade is 87.3, the extra credit points would raise your course grade by 1.5 percent to 88.8.