

# 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 23	Overview of US economy	Chapters 1,2
January 30	Review of micro	Chapter 3
February 6	GDP	Chapter 4
February 13	Unemployment	Chapter 5
February 20	Inflation	Chapter 6
February 27	Aggregate demand/supply	Chapter 7
March 5	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	
March 12	<i>Spring Recess - No class</i>	
March 19	Keynes	Chapter 8
March 26	Fiscal policy	Chapter 9
April 2	Federal budget	Chapter 10
April 9	Money and banks	Chapter 11
April 16	Monetary policy	Chapter 12
April 23	Supply-side policy	Chapter 13
April 30	Economic growth	Chapter 14
May 7	<b>Final exam</b> 7:30-10:15	

**Last day to add** = January 28, 2020

**Last day to drop** = February 4, 2020

Selective withdrawal period = February 25 to March 30, 2020

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## GRADING:

6 online assignments at 4% each, 24% total

- 3 in the first half of the semester, and 3 in the second half
- If you do more than required, your lower assignment grades will be dropped

6 quizzes at 4% each, 24% total

- 3 in the first half of the semester, and 3 in the second half
- If you take more than required, your lower quiz grades will be dropped

Midterm exam at 25%

Final exam at 27%

## 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 Midterm or Final Exam on the listed date, a make-up exam will be scheduled.

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

## 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.