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Prerequisite Econ 201

1. Economics 202S: Over the course of the next 16 weeks, you will be introduced to fundamental concepts and theory surrounding macro economic activity, and the relationship between this activity and larger social relations and institutions. The main learning objectives of this course are:

1. Development of a basic understanding of key micro and macroeconomic concepts such as opportunity costs, economic fluctuations, fiscal and monetary policy, inflation, unemployment, Gross Domestic Product, multipliers and interest rates
2. Development of economic models to understand macroeconomic activity and theoretical reasoning
3. The application of these concepts to real-life scenarios to help you enlighten others in economics

This learning should allow you to:

1. Shoot the s#%t with other economists
2. Impress your better half.
3. Identify liars and ignorant people in the art of economics, mostly politicians.
4. Understand good and bad economic policy
5. Make better and more informed decisions in general
6. Perhaps change your major to economics
7. Grow character

2. Course Materials: There is NO textbook for this course. All notes and assignments will be delivered through Moodle. PP Notes and assignments will be posted on Moodle ahead of time. Please be sure to interact with the platform on a daily basis.

3. Exams: There will be 3 non-cumulative midterm exams and an **OPTIONAL** cumulative Final Exam on the dates indicated in the syllabus. Each is worth 25% of the course grade. Questions will be multiple choice, true and false, short answers and problems.

On any exam day, please bring a red thin scantron, and a #2 pencil. **You are encouraged to use a 1-line calculator on exams.** Multiple line calculators, cell phones and portable electronic devices of any kind are not allowed during exams. Collusion on any exam results in an irrevocable zero for that work; in addition to University Conduct Code sanctions (Please see last section).

4. Assignments: There will be several assignments throughout the semester. Points earned will vary from assignment to assignment, depending on difficulty and length. There may be some class assignments as well

	Points	Percentage
Exam 1	100	25%
Exam 2	100	25%
Exam 3	100	25%
Final Exam	Optional	To replace a test score
Assignments	100	25%
TOTAL	400	100%

5. Teaching Method: I will be using Power Point slides, lecture notes, youtube, blogs, websites and the good old blackboard/whiteboard to present the material. Some of the material will be assigned after class to be applied in the classroom and vice versa, some material will be assigned and presented in class to be applied after class.

I will call on the class and individuals to engage everyone and discuss topics applying the material learned. I will use the material to explain past, current and future, often times controversial, economic issues. I expect everyone to read the material before class to maximize participation and enhance the learning experience.

6. Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism and Cheating:

Appropriate ethical behavior in the classroom is required of every student. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University.

Definition: Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes “cheating” and “plagiarism”, the theft of ideas and other forms of intellectual property – published or unpublished.

Definition: Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the use of another writer’s words or ideas without acknowledging the source. Plagiarism also means “passing off a source’s information, ideas, or words as your own by omitting to cite them, which makes it an act of lying, cheating, and stealing.”

Definition: Cheating

Cheating is defined as obtaining or attempting to obtain, or aiding another to obtain credit for work, or any improvement in evaluation of performance, by any dishonest/deceptive means.

All students need to be familiar with the *Student Conduct Code*, which is available for review online at www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/2585

IMPORTANT DAYS

September 20th	EXAM 1
October 18th	EXAM 2
November 22nd	EXAM 3
December 9th	FINAL EXAM

Tentative Course Outline

Date	Lecture	Topic
8/26	Lecture 1	Principles of Economics
8/28	Lecture 1 cont.	Principles of Economics
8/30	Lecture 2	Thinking like an Economist
9/2	No Class	Labor Day
9/4	Lecture 3	Absolute & Comparative Advantage & Trade
9/6	Lecture 4	Measuring the Nation's Income
9/9	Lecture 4 cont.	Measuring the Nation's Income
9/11	Lecture 4 cont.	Measuring the Cost of Living
9/13	Lecture 5	Macroeconomics and Economic Fluctuations
9/16	Lecture 5 cont.	Macroeconomics and Economic Fluctuations
9/18	Review Session	Lectures 1,2,3,4,5
9/20	EXAM 1	Lectures 1,2,3,4,5
9/23	Lecture 6	Unemployment
9/25	Lecture 6 cont.	Unemployment
9/27	Lecture 7	Saving, Investment and the Financial Markets
9/30	Lecture 8	Monetary System
10/2	Lecture 8 cont.	Monetary System
10/4	Lecture 9	Monetary Policy
10/7	Lecture 9 cont.	Monetary Policy
10/9	Lecture 10	Fiscal Policy
10/11	Lecture 10 cont.	Fiscal Policy
10/14	Lecture	Indigenous Peoples' Day

10/16	Review Session	Lectures 6,7,8,9,10
10/18	EXAM 2	Lectures 6,7,8,9,10
10/21	Lecture 11	Income and Expenditure
10/23	Lecture 11 cont.	Income and Expenditure
10/25	Lecture 11 cont.	Income and Expenditure
10/28	Lecture 12	Spending Shares Model
10/30	Lecture 12 cont.	Spending Shares Model
11/1	Lecture 13	AD-AI Model
11/4	Lecture 13 cont.	AD-AI Model
11/6	Lecture 13 cont.	AD-AI Model
11/8	Lecture 14	AD-AS Model
11/11	Veterans Day	No Class
11/13	Lecture 14 cont.	AD-AS Model
11/15	Lecture 15	Financial Markets
11/18	Review Session	Exam 3 Review Session
11/20	Review Session	Exam 3 Review Session
11/22	EXAM 3	EXAM 3 Lectures 11,12,13,14,15
11/25	TBD	TBD
11/27	Travel Day	No Classes
11/29	Thanksgiving	No Classes
12/2	Grade Distribution	Course Wrap up
12/4	Review Session	FINAL EXAM REVIEW SESSION
12/6	Review Session	FINAL EXAM REVIEW SESSION
12/9	FINAL EXAM	8-10am