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**Course: ECONOMICS 1110.007 – PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS**

**WH 122, Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00pm – 3:20pm**

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**Course Textbooks and Other Materials**

Required Text: Introduction to Macroeconomic Methods and Models (2025 edition)

Publisher: Top Hat; Authors: Kari L. Battaglia/Susan L. Dadres

This course requires the interactive digital textbook Introduction to Macroeconomic Methods and Models. The digital text and related assessments are accessed using the Top Hat platform (www.tophat.com). You may purchase an access code for the textbook from the UNT bookstore OR you may go to the Top Hat website (https://tophat.com) and purchase access online. *The text is cheaper online from Top Hat.*

Go to Econ 1110.007 in Canvas and click on TopHat LTI 1.3 in the left-hand navigation bar. If you do not click the launch link, then you will be removed from the course roster when the sync happens.

If you are new to Top Hat, you will be prompted to create an account once you click on TopHat LTI 1.3. Make sure you purchase the digital text for ECON 1110.007 - Fall 25. Do NOT use a copy of the text that was purchased by another student because this would prevent you from getting homework credit. IMPORTANT: You must click TopHat LTI 1.3 to ensure that your Top Hat grades can be moved to the Canvas grade book!

Should you require technical assistance with Top Hat at any time, please contact their Support Team directly by way of email (support@tophat.com), the in-app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491. Specific user information may be required by their technical support team when troubleshooting issues. You can visit the Top Hat Overview (https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide) within the Top Hat Success Center which provides a

brief overview on working with this platform.

You will also need notetaking supplies, a number 2 pencil, and a calculator for most class meetings.

**Course Summary and Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to develop and use economic theory to understand the relationships between macroeconomic variables, how they change over time, and what policy instruments can be used to influence them. National output, income, employment, the general level of prices, and interest rates are some of the primary variables of interest. The topics covered in macroeconomics are those which appear in the newspaper and affect our daily lives. A basic understanding of how the economy works is essential not only to further scholarship but also to personal decision-making and so is relevant to all students. Specific course objectives are listed in Canvas.

**Grading Policy**

Your final grade in this course will be determined from your scores on homework, quizzes, a writing assignment, and exams.

Homework (Top Hat) 10%

In-class quizzes 10%

In-class essay 5%

Exam 1 25% Highest 3 of 4

Exam 2 25% Exam scores are

Exam 3 25% included in the

Comprehensive Final Exam 25% semester grade

Total 100%

Course grades are assigned according to the following scale:

A = ≥ 90% B = 80 – 89% C = 65 – 79 D = 50 – 64% F = Below 50%

If you decide to drop this course, you do so in your MyUNT portal. Instructors are not able to drop students from their class. A grade of incomplete will be assigned according to UNT policy on incompletes. Before requesting a grade of incomplete, read this policy at <http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes>.

**Homework**

Homework assignments come from the Top Hat e-textbook. Graded work in Top Hat counts 10% of the semester course grade. Homework is due every week except exam weeks.

**Quizzes**

*In-class quizzes* may only be taken in person the day of class*. In-class quizzes* are due every week except exam weeks and account for 10% of your course grade.

**Exams**

Exam dates and the chapters to be covered are listed in the Course Calendar. Exams will be returned in class. **You must bring a UNT student identification card, a calculator, and a number 2 pencil to each exam.**

**MAKE‑UP EXAM:**Our department realizes that students may miss an exam due to unforeseen circumstances If you miss an exam for any reason, ***the final exam is the make-up exam*** and your score on the comprehensive final exam will be counted in your semester course grade. There are no make-up exams offered on an individual basis. All exams are multiple choice; exams 1-3 have a 50-minute time limit and the comprehensive final exam has a 2-hour time limit. Each exam is worth 25% of your course grade; your three highest exam scores will be counted in your semester course grade. If you are satisfied with your grade in the course as of week 16, you do not have to take the final exam. Exams account for a combined total of 75% of your semester course grade.

**COURSE CALENDAR**

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| **Class Week** | **Text Material Covered:** |
| Week 1  Aug 18 - 22 | Chap 1 Economic Methods and Models + Chap 2 Addressing Scarcity |
| Week 2  Aug 25 - 29 | Chap 2 Addressing Scarcity + Chap 4 The Supply and Demand Model   * Chapters 1 & 2 Homework (TopHat 1.1, 2.1) due **Friday 8/29** |
| Week 3  Sep 1 - 5 | Chap 4 The Supply and Demand Model + Chap 5 Unemployment and Inflation   * **Labor Day Holiday – No Class Monday, Sept 1st** * Chapter 4 Homework (TopHat 4.1) due **Friday 9/5** |
| Week 4  Sep 8 - 12 | Chap 5 Unemployment and Inflation + Chap 6 Income and Output   * Chapters 5 & 6 Homework (TopHat 5.1 & 6.1) due **Friday 9/12** |
| Week 5  Sep 15 - 19 | **Exam 1: Wednesday, September 17th (Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6)** |
| Week 6  Sep 22 - 26 | Chap 7 Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply   * Chapter 7 Homework (TopHat 7.1) due **Friday 9/26** |
| Week 7  Sep 29 – Oct 3 | Chap 8 Introduction to the Classical Model  Chapter 8 Homework (TopHat 8.1) due **Friday 10/3** |
| Week 8  Oct 6 - 10 | Chap 9 Introduction to the Keynesian Model   * Chapter 9 Homework (TopHat 9.1) due **Friday 10/10** |
| Week 9  Oct 13 - 17 | Chap 10 Government in the Macroeconomy: Fiscal Policy   * Chapter 10 Homework (TopHat 10.1) due **Friday 10/17** |
| Week 10  Oct 20 - 24 | **In-Class Essay: Monday, October 20th**  **Exam 2: Wednesday, October 22nd (Chapters 7-10)** |
| Week 11  Oct 27 - 31 | Chap 11 Money, Banks, and Interest Rates   * Chapter 11 Homework (TopHat 11.1) due **Friday 10/31** |
| Week 12  Nov 3 - 7 | Chap 12 Government in the Macroeconomy: Monetary Policy   * Chapter 12 Homework (TopHat 12.1) due **Friday 11/7** |
| Week 13  Nov 10 - 14 | Chap 13 Monetary Theory: the Impact of Money on the Macroeconomy   * Chapter 13 Homework (TopHat 13.1) due **Friday 11/14** |
| Week 14  Nov 17 - 21 | **Exam 3: Wednesday, November 19th (Chapters 11-13)** |
| Week 15  Nov 24 - 28 | **No class: Thanksgiving Break** |
| Week 16  Dec 1 - 5 | Dead week – Class will meet Monday, Dec 1st   * ***No class Wednesday December 3*** |
| Week 17  Dec 8 - 12 | **Final Exam: Monday, December 8 from 1:30pm – 13:30pm WH122** |

**In-Class Essay**

An in-class essay requires the use of information and tools acquired in this class to analyze and interpret real world events. An in-class essay accounts for 5% of your semester course grade.

**Attendance Policy**

Class attendance is expected and will significantly increase your chances for a better understanding of economics and a better grade in this course. Additionally, quizzes and graded work which you might miss by failing to attend may lower your grade. There may also be bonus points awarded during the semester which you may miss if you do not attend class.

**Personal Electronics Policy**

Please do not take/make phone calls in class. Step out into the hall if needed. Do not be distracting in class. Do not film/record the instructor in any way (without prior approval) and do not place Mr. Dickson’s image on-line in any form! Cell phones, headphones, ear buds, and other devices not previously approved may not be used during exams. The only device allowed during exams is a calculator.

**Contacting Me**

**In person**: office hours listed on the first page of this syllabus. You do not need an appointment to see me during my office hours. If you are unable to meet during my office hours, please email me to set up a mutually convenient time.

**Via Email**: All email must be sent through your UNT student email address (my.unt.edu) specifically to me at ***bryan.dickson@unt.edu***. Email from any other source or to any other email address is unlikely to make it through UNT filters and will not be answered. Please include your name and course in the subject line… I have 600+ students. 😊

**Classroom and Exam Accommodations**

If you are eligible for course accommodations under the ADA, be sure you have registered with the Office of Disability Access (ODA). Please schedule to meet with me if you would like to discuss your accommodations in person. For exam accommodations, you must schedule to take your exams at ODA according to the deadline set by ODA. Extended test time and other test accommodations are not provided otherwise.

**Please read the following UNT policies that apply to all courses at UNT.**

# Copyrights:

Class lectures are protected by state common law and federal copyrights. They are the original expression of the instructor and may be recorded at the same time as delivered in order to secure protection. Whereas you are authorized to take notes in class thereby creating a derivative of the lecture, the authorization extends only to making one set of notes for your PERSONAL USE. You are not authorized to record lectures or to make commercial use of them without the instructor’s prior express written permission.

**Disability Accommodation**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the ODA website at [Office of Disability Access | University of North Texas (unt.edu)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fstudentaffairs.unt.edu%2Foffice-disability-access%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7CBryan.Dickson%40unt.edu%7Ce690e2876068454bd61608dcbd7f4f4a%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C638593601697754595%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BKSgTTnMNqb9s%2FC04Erl5SZuQ1%2FP%2FmTq3cahTgybbzI%3D&reserved=0). You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323. The Economics Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have not registered with ODA, we encourage you to do so. Please present your written accommodation request during the first two weeks of the semester if possible.

**Academic Integrity Policy**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University's Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the Student Academic Integrity policy, go to [https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003 (Links to an external site.)](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003).

**Individuals engaging in activities that may be construed as cheating or plagiarizing should be prepared for the consequences; one consequence is to receive an “F” for the course. Please see below for further information on and explanation of cheating and plagiarism.**

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University's Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the complete policy, go to [Academic Integrity (Links to an external site.)](http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity).

Cheating:  The use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments.
2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments.
3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University.
4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

Plagiarism:  Use of another's thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student's intent, including but not limited to:

1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.
3. AI should not be used to assist in writing papers, searching for sources, or creating citations. Citations provided by AI are fabricated by mimicking existing bodies of work. In most cases, AI will pull direct quotes from existing sources to answer queries and make-up information about the source.
4. AI can be used ethically to help you develop an outline for a paper, generate ideas, and learn a citation style. Talk to your subject librarian or professor about how you can use AI ethically.

**Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation**

The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

**Classroom Conduct: Acceptable Student Behavior**

Student behavior that interferes with the instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the appropriate University office. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012>. See section IX for a list of the Categories of Misconduct and section X for a list of the Sanctions for Misconduct.

**Sexual Assault Prevention**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT’s Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at [oeo@unt.edu](mailto:oeo@unt.edu).