

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON-002)
Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
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This course provides an introduction to macroeconomics. The first part of the course explores how GDP, inflation, unemployment, and other macroeconomic aggregates are measured in practice. The second part develops analytical models of macroeconomic performance and growth in the long run. The third part focuses on short-run (business-cycle) fluctuations and fiscal and monetary policies.

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Textbook: Krugman & Wells, *Macroeconomics*, 5th Edition, MacMillan 2018.

Section	Professor	Lecture	TA	Recitation
001-72	McCornac	TU 11:30 - 12:45 0A13	Masah Barakat	R 11:30 am - 12:20 pm 0A13

TA Office Hours: All teaching assistant office hours are held in the OAS Tutoring Rooms.

Ms. Farasha Abdul Jaleel, fa516@georgetown.edu, Sundays and Tuesdays 10:30 to 12:30 pm

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Honor System: Every student has the responsibility to abide by the GU Honor System. Review it at <http://qatar.sfs.georgetown.edu/academics/honor/>. Suspected infractions of the Honor System will be referred to the Honor Council. If a student is found in violation, we reserve the right to award a failing grade on the assignment or the course as a whole, in addition to any sanction that the Honor Council and the Dean may apply.

Grading Scale:

Method of Evaluation	Points Possible
Midterm 1: Exam will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 3:45PM – 4:45PM) in 0A11, 0A12, 0A13	20
Midterm 2: Exam will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 3:45PM – 4:45PM) in 0A11, 0A12, 0A13	20
Final Examination: TBD in 0A11, 0A12, 0A132	40
Homework	10
Lecture Attendance and Participation	5
Recitation Attendance	5
TOTAL	100

Extra Points: Extra points on one or more exams may be added at the discretion of the instructor. Extra points will never be offered to an individual student.

Exams: Plan well in advance for the exams: no early or make-up exams will be offered under any circumstances. Two class times will be re-arranged to accommodate the midterms. Extra points on one or more exams may be added at the discretion of the instructor. Extra points will never be offered to an individual student.

Homework: Due date/time of homework will be indicated in every assignment. Late homework will not be accepted (do not ask the TAs to violate this rule). The one homework grade will be excused (not counted toward your grade).

Recitations: This applies to Recitation Attendance. Late attendance, even a minute, counts as an absence. Leaving the classroom, chit-chatting or using an electronic device during the recitation is considered as absence. You are required to attend at least 8 recitations to grant a passing grade in this class. Excused absences count as an absent but we allow for two absences for recitation for any reason (excused or unexcused).

Lectures: This applies to Lecture Participation. You start with 5 points. Any disruptive actions during the class time will cost you a point after two warnings. Examples of such actions are (but not limited to) leaving the classroom or using electronic devices during the class, or showing up late, even a minute for the lecture. Losing all 5 participation points will grant a failing grade for the course.

Attendance: Attendance is expected for all lectures and recitation. Notice that 10% of the course credit is related to attendance. You are also expected to be on time and not leave the leaving the classroom until the end of class. When in class you must conduct yourself appropriately. In particular, you must turn off all electronic devices and you may not leave and return for any reason.

Canvas: The syllabus, problem sets, and other materials will be made available on Georgetown's Canvas web site, which you access with your NetID and password.

Instructional Continuity:

If access to the SFS-Q building or Education City is ever curtailed, making it impossible to hold regular class meetings, every effort will be made to ensure that this class will continue to meet virtually. Most likely, we will use Georgetown's *Zoom* software to deliver our lectures online at the regularly scheduled times. If the need to meet virtually arises, further information will be sent to each student's Georgetown email address. You are expected to anticipate such emails, to comply with any and all instructions in them, and to participate fully in all online class activities.

Title IX & Non-Discrimination:

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<https://titleix.georgetown.edu/#>

<https://www.qatar.georgetown.edu/campus-life/title-ix>

<https://bulletin.georgetown.edu/regulations/antidiscrimination>