Economics 131 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics  
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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.

WCC DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor (Ann Lemke) to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by her office (Akoakoa 213) for more information.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Study of the economic forces that determine a country’s income, employment and prices. Roles of consumers, businesses, banks and governments are explored.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Students will translate important economics terms and theories into various forms.  
   a. Skills needed to achieve this outcome.  
      i. Writing ability, ability to translate economics terms into their own words.  
      ii. Mathematical ability, ability to translate and interpret economic theories into percentages/fractions and a two dimensional graphical space.

2. Identify, explore and analyze macroeconomic concepts using economic analysis and research skills.  
   a. Skills needed to achieve this outcome.
i. Research skills
ii. Writing skills
iii. Ability to formulate a thesis statement.
iv. Ability to back up arguments using published research and to cite that research appropriately.

COURSE TASKS AND REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE WEBSITE: On the LAULIMA website (http://laulima.hawaii.edu), I will have a detailed time-line for you to follow that will include tasks to perform and all of the due dates for the various assignments. This timeline will also be available via APLIA as well. Your MYUHPORTAL username and password will connect you to the LAULIMA website for this course. On the website, I will also post instructions for the various assignments that are due.

APLIA PROBLEM SETS AND NEWS ANALYSES: (50% of your grade). For this online course, you will be doing problem sets, news analyses and exams through an online course management system called APLIA (www.aplia.com). APLIA is meant to be a user-friendly interface and is used by thousands of students in the United States to help supplement their learning in economics. Instructions on how to set up your APLIA account are on the LAULIMA website (http://laulima.hawaii.edu). Access to Aplia will cost you $90, but this includes access to the Aplia problem sets as well as an electronic copy of your textbook. You will need a separate APLIA username and password to access your APLIA account. It would be a good idea to use the same username and password as your MYUHPORTAL account. You will have two types of APLIA assignments: PROBLEM SETS, NEWS ANALYSES and EXAM ASSIGNMENTS

• APLIA PROBLEM SETS-These are homework assignments that are to be completed online and are graded by APLIA. There is one problem set for each chapter of the course, although there are a couple of problem sets at the beginning to help get you started. You will have three attempts to do these problem sets and your final grade will be the highest of the three attempts. Keep in mind that the problems are randomized, so that you will not see the exact same problem in your next attempt.
• APLIA NEWS ANALYSES-These are news articles that you will read that will give some application of the chapter material you have just studied. After you read the article, you will then answer questions online based on the news article. There will be one attempt to do the News Analysis Problem Set.

• Grades will be given automatically for the APLIA PROBLEM SETS, and given after the due date for the APLIA NEWS ANALYSES.
• THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS FOR THE APLIA ASSIGNMENTS.

TESTS AND EXAMS-There will be two midterms and one final exam. Each midterm will be worth 10% of the total grade and the final will also be worth 10% of the total grade. The final exam will not be cumulative and thus will cover the last third of the
course. There will be review sheets to help you succeed in taking the exams and I will include APLIA problem sets from the APLIA assignments in the exams as well. All three exams will be given through APLIA. THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS FOR THE EXAMS.

READING THE TEXTBOOK AND NARRATED LECTURES: You will really need to read and pay attention to the textbook during this course as it is online. To assist you with the material, I have narrated lectures to go along with each of the chapters, you can access these narrated lectures on my LAULIMA website. These narrated lectures are located under the Modules tab of LAULIMA. The textbook (Brief Principles of Macroeconomics by Mankiw, Sixth Edition) is available on the Aplia site in an electronic version. Once you have bought the subscription for the APLIA website, you will also have a subscription for the electronic version of the text for the duration of the semester.

LAULIMA ASSIGNMENTS (10% your grade)

- LAULIMA DISCUSSION FORUMS: These forum assignments will have you state any questions, issues or concerns regarding your Aplia work for the week. There will be five of these assignments. You will first state a topic (due on Thursdays) and then a response to another person’s topic (due on Saturdays) through Laulima Forums. There is a 50-word minimum for topics and a 25 word minimum for responses to those topics.
- THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS FOR THE FORUM ASSIGNMENTS.

ARTICLE ANALYSES: 10% of your grade (100 points). There will be one article analysis due during the semester on the various topics that we have covered up that point. Instructions for this assignment are included in your handout. The Article Analysis will be due on August 6. THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS FOR THE ARTICLE ANALYSIS. Please turn in your Article Analysis via Laulima Dropbox.

Your article analysis handout will be on the Modules tab in the LAULIMA course website.

SUMMARY OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Aplia Problem Sets and News Analyses (50%)
2. Midterms (20%)
3. Final Exam (10%)
4. Laulima Forums (10%)
5. Article Analyses (10%)

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Here is a summary of the various assignments/resources, their location and due dates/times.

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Grades for this Course:

90-100%    A
80%-90%     B
70%-80%     C
50%-70%     D
Below 50%    F

Your grade will be available on APLIA via the GRADEBOOK tab.

There will also some opportunities for extra credit throughout the course, most likely it will be at least 20 points.

LEARNING RESOURCES:

BOOK:     N. Gregory Mankiw (Required), *Brief Principles of Macroeconomics, Sixth Edition*

The textbook is available electronically via the APLIA website (www.aplia.com) for $90. This buys you access to the APLIA problems as well as access to the electronic book. This is in effect a subscription, which will run out at the end of the semester. You can download copies of the text from the APLIA website as well. Please have your email be the UH account or have your email accept forwards from your UH email account. Instructions on how to accept UH email account forwards are in this syllabus.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HOW YOU SHOULD COMPLETE THIS COURSE:

1. Please read the chapter and listen to the narrated lectures.
2. Do the APLIA PROBLEM SETS and NEWS ANALYSES by their due dates. Remember that you have three chances to do each APLIA PROBLEM SET.
3. Complete any Forum post and responses by the assigned due date.
4. Do the ARTICLE ANALYSIS by the assigned due date.
5. Please do the examinations!

Use of LAULIMA for Class Assignments

To get into your LAULIMA course, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the WCC website: http://wcc.hawaii.edu
2. Click on the LAULIMA heading.
3. Enter your MY UH PORTAL username and password where it says login and password.
4. Click on your course, you are automatically entered into your course when you sign up in MY UH PORTAL.
5. Click on the appropriate area in LAULIMA.
   a. Forums for LAULIMA Forums
   b. Tasks, Tests and Surveys for LAULIMA Reading Checks.
Getting Started With Laulima
(for online course material)

Logging In to Laulima
1. Go to the Laulima login page, which is located at:
   http://laulima.hawaii.edu

2. Log in using your UH ID name and password (or if you are not at UH, log in using the name and password you were provided)

Note: your screen will look different from the one pictured below, with other courses and perhaps other tools (the list on the left side)

Choosing Your Course
You are already a member in all of your credit courses.

On the top bar, select your course.

If the course does not appear, select the “more” button and a full list will appear.

There are many tools that could be available, depending on how your instructors have designed their courses.

You can set up your “My Workspace” by clicking on the “Preferences” tool.

You can enter profile information (such as your name, contact information, picture, and so on) by clicking on the “Profile” tool.
Forwarding Your UH Mail to Another Email Account

It is important to receive the email that is sent to your UH account. However, if you have another email account that you check more frequently, you can forward your UH email to that account.

1. **Log in** to your UH Email account by going to
   https://mail.hawaii.edu

2. Click on the **Options** tab.

3. Click on the **Settings** button on the left side

4. The **forward options** are at the bottom the window.
   - Click on “enable forwarding”
   - If you do not want the UH mail server to keep a copy of the mail that is forwarded to your other account, click “Don’t Leave Copy on Server”
   - Enter the email address that you would like your emails to be forwarded to.
   - Click on the “Save Changes” button

5. **Close** the web browser.

6. **Send an email** to your hawaii.edu account to verify it forwards properly.