



Economics 131-Principles of Macroeconomics, 61144

Fall 2023 Semester

CLASS INFORMATION

This is an ONLINE Asynchronous course.
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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

My name is Paul Briggs and I do love Economics and especially teaching this subject. I was born and raised in Southern and Northern California and moved to Hawaii in 1992. I love hiking, tennis and cycling and of course, spending time with my wife of 25 years (Liane).



About This Course

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.

Course Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Translate important macroeconomic terms and theories into various forms.
2. Identify, explore and analyze macroeconomic concepts using economic analysis and research.

Kulia i Ka Nu'u - Strive for the Highest! 1

Course Format

This is an 8 week asynchronous course. This course is designed to teach you the basic underpinnings of markets in terms of consumer and producer behavior. The course will be set up in weekly units generally covering a chapter per week. There will be regular forum assignments that will ask you to address discussion points regarding the chapter as well as selected current events. I will also require you to write two Article Analysis papers. There will also be two midterms and a final exam. All of these assignments will be explained in the Course Tasks and Requirements section of this syllabus. Announcements will be sent out after I grade each assignment to you detailing how I graded the assignment along with other relevant information. All due dates will be based on Hawaiian Standard Time (HST).

Required Materials

- N. Gregory Mankiw (Required), *Principles of Macroeconomics, Ninth Edition* (I will accept the eighth or the seventh editions). Available at WCC Bookstore or Amazon.
- Economics 130 Handout from WCC Bookstore
- OTHER REQUIRED ITEMS: Access to the Internet (Laulima), UH Email Account (either as main email account or forwarded to another email account).

Hardware/software

- Daily access to a desktop or laptop computer (Using a smartphone or tablet is not sufficient.)
- Reliable high-speed Internet connection
- A recent version of the [Firefox](https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/) browser (free)
- A word-processing program, such as [Word](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/word) (free student version), [Pages](https://www.apple.com/pages/) (free with Apple hardware) or web-based [Google Docs](https://docs.google.com/) (free with UH username)
- Presentation program, such as [Powerpoint](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint/) (free student version), [Keynote](https://www.apple.com/keynote/) (free with Apple hardware), or web-based [Google Slides](https://slides.google.com/) (free with UH username)
- [Zoom](https://zoom.us/) video conferencing tool (free)
- [Adobe \(Acrobat\) Reader](https://www.adobe.com/acrobat/reader.html) (free)
- NOTE ON HANDOUT: This handout is organized by the chapters that we will cover in this course. It contains Powerpoint slides and Practice Questions for each chapter. It also contains review sheet information for the exams in this course as well as for the papers that are due in this class. This is the same handout that I give to the face to face class. While all of the relevant information will be available on the LAULIMA site, it will be a good idea for you to have this hard copy handout for your reference.

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