



Macroeconomics - Section Syllabus
ECO2013 Section S1055
Fall 2025, Session A

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Final Exam Date: Published in the Pensacola State College Final Exam Schedule
Last Date of Drop/Add: Friday, August 22, 2025
Last Date for Student to Withdraw: Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Course Description: In this course, students will learn the foundations of macroeconomics as the branch of economics concerned with how decision-making, in an environment of scarcity, maps onto the aggregate economy. Students will examine theories and evidence related to the following core set of topics: national income determination, money, monetary and fiscal policy, macroeconomic conditions, international trade and the balance of payments, and economic growth and development.

Class Meeting Time: Tuesday/Thursdays, 9:30am – 10:45am
Class Location: Room 5135, South Santa Rosa Center
Credits: 3

Offered: FA, SP, SU
Distribution: Meets AA General Education Core

Required Textbooks and Instructional Materials: Connect 3P Inclusive Access Online Access for Macroeconomics (Custom); 9781265202910

Course Designations: **College Transfer.** Meets AA General Education Core, Social Sciences requirement.

General Education Core Course Standard: Per Florida Statute 1007.25, "Social science courses must afford students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues."

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Apply financial and accounting principles in a business environment.
2. Demonstrate business-related computer competencies.
3. Perform oral/written communication skills as required in business/industry.
4. Apply positive interpersonal/human relations skills in a business environment.
5. Identify, analyze, and apply legal and ethical issues in a business environment

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Define basic economic concepts and correctly apply economic terminology.
2. Measure and evaluate economic activity using national income accounts, inflations and unemployment, and summarize the causes and effects of economic growth.
3. Analyze national economic activity through the aggregate demand and supply model.
4. Evaluate the roles of money, banking and the financial sector in the national economy.
5. Evaluate and apply fiscal and monetary policies to economic situations.
6. Describe the theories and problems of international trade, balance payments and exchange rates.

Methods of Evaluation:

At minimum, the instructor will cover content which aligns with statewide and institutional learning outcomes for the course. The instructor will measure student performance using the following:

Grading Scale:	
90% - 100%	A
87% - 89%	B+
80% - 86%	B
77% - 79%	C+
70% - 76%	C
67% - 69%	D+
60% - 66%	D
0% - 59%	F

Evaluations of student progress towards achieving the stated learning outcomes and performance objectives is the responsibility of the instructor, within the policies of the College and the department. Detailed explanations are included in the course supplementals developed by the instructor for each section being taught.

Course Requirements: Students are required to complete 5 exams, 20 Connect Homework assignments, a Critical Thinking Essay, a Global Learning Assignment, and attend lectures regularly.

- **Exams:** We will have 5 exams in this course, 1 for each module as listed in Canvas. The exams will be multiple choice and completed in class. The focus of the exam questions will be the material covered in the lectures. Each Exam is worth 100 points.
 - **Exam 1:** Covers Module 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
 - **Exam 2:** Covers Module 2 (Chapters 7, 8, 9)
 - **Exam 3:** Covers Module 3 (Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 17)
 - **Exam 4:** Covers Module 4 (Chapters 14, 15, 16, 18)
 - **Exam 5:** Covers Module 5 (Chapters 19, 20, 21)
- **Connect Homework:** We will have 20 Connect Homework assignments accessible on Canvas. These assignments have unlimited attempts and are 10 questions multiple choices to provide you a chance to practice studying the material for the exams. Each chapter will have a Connect Homework except Chapter 6. Each Connect Homework is worth 10 points.

- **Critical Thinking Assignment:** Throughout the class, students will identify a topic within macroeconomics that they believe poses a problem to society. They will proceed to construct an argument identifying (1) why society should be concerned about the problem, (2) what the root causes of the problem, using macroeconomic principles, and a (3) a package of solutions aimed at resolving the problem using data, principles, and critical thinking. They will then write a 1,000+ word essay consolidating these arguments into a structured format. This assignment will be worth a total of 100 points, 5 points will be awarded for the timely selection of a topic, 5 points shall be awarded for the timely formulation of a synopsis, and 90 points will be available for the essay itself.
- **Global Learning Assignment:** Students will complete a GLA as part of the general education course requirements. The student will analyze, evaluate, and if necessary, challenge the validity of ideas, principles, and data in order to develop an informed opinion, probable prediction, and defensible conclusion. This will be done in a 300-word essay.
- **Attendance:** Regular class attendance and consistent class participation are significant factors that promote student success. Attendance is necessary to acquire the required course competencies, therefore regular and punctual attendance in class is required. Students who miss class for any reason are responsible for any material covered and any information given by the professor that day.
- **Extra Credit:** There will be fifteen extra credit assignments (one for each week) that will be available throughout the semester. Each one will pose a question and require you to use critical thinking to apply the concepts were learned in this class to important issues within macroeconomics in essay format. Each weekly extra credit assignment is worth a possible 10 points, but are not required for successful completion of this course.

Grading Policy: There are 900 total possible points to earn within this course.

- Exams: 5 Exams each worth 100 points (500 total points)
- Connect Homework: 20 Connect Assignments each worth 10 points (200 total points)
- Critical Thinking Essay: 1 essay worth 100 points (100 total points)
- Global Learning Assignment: 1 essay worth 50 points (50 total points)
- Attendance: Each missed day beyond the first three absences results in a deduction of 10 points (50 total points available)

Grading Scale:

- A: 810 – 900
- B+: 765 - 809
- B: 720 – 764
- C+: 675 - 719
- C: 630 – 674
- D+: 585 - 629
- D: 540 – 584
- F: 0 – 539

Student Email Accounts: Pensacola State College provides an institutional email account to all students enrolled in courses for credit. This institutional email account is the official method of communication, and students must use this account when communicating with the College. In cases where companion software is used for a particular class, email may be exchanged between instructor and student using the companion software.

Flexibility: It is the intention of the instructor to accomplish the objectives specified in the course syllabus. However, circumstances may arise which prohibit the fulfilling of this endeavor. Therefore, this syllabus is subject to change. When possible, students will be notified of any change in advance of its occurrence.

Academic Dishonesty Statement: Pensacola State College is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic conduct. All forms of academic dishonesty, to include plagiarism and cheating, are prohibited. Penalties for academic dishonesty include but are not limited to one or more of the following: the awarding of no credit on the assignment, a reduction in the course grade, or the assignment of a final course grade of F and removal from the course. See the College Catalog for more details:
<https://catalog.pensacolastate.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=47#academic-honesty>

ADA Statement: Students with a disability that falls under the Americans with Disability Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, it is the responsibility of the student to notify Student Resource Center for ADA Services to discuss any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course. Upon completion of registration with the Student Resource Center for ADA Services office, specific arrangements can be discussed with the instructor.

Equity Statement: Pensacola State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in its educational programs, activities, or employment. For inquiries regarding Title IX and the College's nondiscrimination policies, contact the Dean of Students (850) 484-1759, Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, Florida 32504.

Security Statement: Pensacola State College is committed to encouraging all members of the College community to be proactive in personal safety measures. In case of emergency, students should ensure that they are aware of the building exit closest to each of their classrooms, as well as all alternative building exits in case circumstances require using a different route.

Emergency Statement: In the case of severe weather or other emergency, the College administration maintains communication with appropriate state and local agencies and makes a determination regarding the cancellation of classes. Notices of cancellation will be made through the College's PSC Alert system and on the College's website.