ECON 2630 - Principles 2: Macroeconomics

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Course Description

2630. Principles 2: Macroeconomics. Studies of growth, inflation, and unemployment at the national level and the performance of the U.S. economy in the global setting. The impacts of national economic policies on individual and social welfare. An extensive discussion and evaluation of the U.S. banking system and its effects on individuals and businesses. 3 s.h.
How this section runs. This is a full-term, in-person section meeting Monday and Wednesday, 9:30–10:45 a.m., in Williamson Hall 2222, from August 24 through December 12, 2026.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Principles of Macroeconomics: 2024 Release (Loose-leaf with Connect)	Frank, Bernanke, Antonovics, and Heffetz	9781264888375

Do not buy this book separately. This course uses inclusive access: the required digital materials are included as a discounted course charge on your student account and are delivered to you automatically through Blackboard when the course begins. You will have Connect and the eBook on day one without doing anything.

Go to class and check Blackboard first. If you have questions about the course charge, or you wish to opt out, contact the YSU Bookstore — but be aware that opting out means purchasing Connect access yourself at full price, since the graded assignments live there.

A loose-leaf print copy is bundled with this ISBN if you prefer working on paper; the bookstore can tell you how to claim it. It is optional — everything graded happens in Connect.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24	Ch. 4-5	Course introduction and syllabus; measuring output and income	
Wed	8/26	Ch. 4-5	GDP and national income accounting	
Mon	8/31	Ch. 5	Measuring the price level; nominal vs. real	SmartBook Ch. 4-5 due tonight, Mon 8/31, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	9/2	Ch. 5	Inflation: measurement, costs, and indexing	
Mon	9/7	No Class		
Wed	9/9	Ch. 6	Measuring unemployment; the labor market	SmartBook Ch. 5 due tonight, Wed 9/9, 11:59 p.m.

Mon	9/14	Ch. 7	Economic growth and productivity	SmartBook Ch. 6 due tonight, Mon 9/14, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	9/16	Ch. 7	Exam 1	EXAM 1 in class (Ch. 4, 5, 6); Section 1 Assignment due Wed 9/16, 11:59 p.m.
Mon	9/21	Ch. 7-8	Growth, capital formation, and saving	
Wed	9/23	Ch. 8	Saving, investment, and capital accumulation	
Mon	9/28	Ch. 9	Labor markets and wage determination	SmartBook Ch. 7-8 due tonight, Mon 9/28, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	9/30	Ch. 9	Unemployment: types and policy responses	
Mon	10/5	Ch. 10	Saving, investment, and financial markets	SmartBook Ch. 9 due tonight, Mon 10/5, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	10/7	Ch. 10	Bonds, stocks, and the allocation of saving	
Mon	10/12	Ch. 11	Money and the banking system	SmartBook Ch. 10 due tonight, Mon 10/12, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	10/14	Ch. 11	Exam 2	EXAM 2 in class (Ch. 7, 8, 9, 10); Section 2 Assignment due Wed 10/14, 11:59 p.m.
Mon	10/19	Ch. 11-12	The Federal Reserve and money creation	
Wed	10/21	Ch. 12	Fed structure, tools, and independence	
Mon	10/26	Ch. 13	Short-run fluctuations and aggregate demand	SmartBook Ch. 11-12 due tonight, Mon 10/26, 11:59 p.m. Last day to withdraw with a 'W' is Sun 10/25
Wed	10/28	Ch. 13	Recessions, expansions, and output gaps	
Mon	11/2	Ch. 14	Spending, output, and the multiplier	SmartBook Ch. 13 due tonight, Mon 11/2, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	11/4	Ch. 14	Fiscal policy and stabilization	
Mon	11/9	Ch. 15	Monetary policy and the real economy	SmartBook Ch. 14 due tonight, Mon 11/9, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	11/11	No Class		
Mon	11/16	Ch. 15-16	Aggregate demand, aggregate supply, and inflation	SmartBook Ch. 15 due tonight, Mon 11/16, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	11/18	Ch. 16	Exam 3	EXAM 3 in class (Ch. 11, 12, 13, 14); Section 3 Assignment due Wed 11/18, 11:59 p.m.
Mon	11/23	Ch. 16	Inflation, unemployment, and policy tradeoffs	SmartBook Ch. 15-16 due tonight, Mon 11/23, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	11/25	No Class		
Mon	11/30	Ch. 17	The open economy: exchange rates and trade	SmartBook Ch. 16 due tonight, Mon 11/30, 11:59 p.m.
Wed	12/2	Ch. 17	Capital flows, trade balances, and policy	Section 4 Assignment due Wed 12/2, 11:59 p.m.
Mon	12/7	Ch. 4-17	Review for the final exam	FINAL CUTOFF: all outstanding work due Fri 12/4, 11:59 p.m.; Week 15 SmartBook closes Fri 12/4
Wed	12/9	Ch. 4-17	FINAL EXAM, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Williamson Hall 2222	FINAL EXAM (comprehensive), Wed 12/9, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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