

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.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Principles of Macroeconomics	Frank, Robert H., Ben S. Bernanke, Kate Antonovics, and Ori Heffetz	
Required	Connect access card	McGraw Hill	

Full citation: Frank, Bernanke, Antonovics & Heffetz: Principles of Macroeconomics. 2024 Evergreen Release. *McGraw Hill*: New York, NY

Note: The card is needed to access the SmartBook and Role-play assignments of the course. Both the book and the card are included in YSU's **First-Day-Ready** program.

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 Assessments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Book: Principles of Macroeconomics Chapter 4: Macroeconomics: The Bird's-Eye View of the Economy SmartBook Ch 4	See the chapter titles	Read relevant chapter before new lecture.
8/31	Chapter 5: Measuring Economic Activity: GDP and Unemployment SmartBook Ch 5		
9/7	Chapter 6: Measuring the Price Level and Inflation SmartBook Ch 6		



9/14	Chapter 7: Economic Growth, Productivity, and Living Standards SmartBook Ch 7
9/21	Chapter 8: The Labor Market: Workers, Wages, and Unemployment SmartBook Ch 8 Exam 1
9/28	Chapter 9: Saving and Capital Formation SmartBook Ch 9
10/5	Chapter 10: Money, Prices, and the Federal Reserve SmartBook Ch 10
10/12	Chapter 11: Financial Markets and International Capital Flows SmartBook Ch 11
10/19	Chapter 12: Short-Term Economic Fluctuations: An Introduction SmartBook Ch 12
10/26	Chapter 13: Spending and Output in the Short Run SmartBook Ch 13 Exam 2
11/2	Chapter 14: Stabilizing the Economy: The Role of the Fed SmartBook Ch 14
11/9	Chapter 15: Aggregate Demand, Aggregate Supply, and Inflation SmartBook Ch 15
11/16	The Econ OverLord macroeconomic game. Art Assignment
11/23	Contemporary topics
11/30	Course summary Exam 3

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