

Economic Principles I  
Syllabus Fall 2011

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Course description: The course is devoted to introduce the principles of economics from the macroeconomic perspective. The course will cover essential topics that macroeconomics deals with (GDP, unemployment, inflation etc.) and elaborate on essential models, approaches and policies used in understanding of how the economy works. Issues of European economic integration will supplement standard topics.

Grading policy

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Schedule of classes

Week 1
6 September  
Overview of course  
Introduction, discussion of course and course requirements; Core issues and indicators, basic links. MM, Ch. 1, 2. Paper/Essay discussion.

Week 2
13 September  
Supply and demand, basic model of market equilibrium; Elasticities; Decision-making of economic agents. MP, Ch. 4, 5.

Week 3
20 September  

Week 4
27 September  
Business Cycles; Aggregate demand and supply; MM, Ch. 9.

Week 5
4 October  
Fiscal Policy; Taxes; Deficits and Debts. MM Ch. 15. MP, Ch. 11, 12.
Week 6
11 October
Money and Banking. MM, Ch. 4.

Week 7
18 October
**Midterm exam**

Week 8
25 October
Supply-Side Policies and Long-Run Growth; MM, Ch. 7.

Week 9
1 November
Exchange rate, exchange arrangements; MM, Ch. 5.

Week 10
8 November
Foreign exchange markets; MM, Ch. 5.

Week 11 – Fall Break – no classes

Week 12
22 November
International economics; Balance of payments. MM Ch. 5

Week 13
29 November
International monetary arrangements and institutions. AF, Ch. 28. Reader.

Week 14
6 December
European economic integration. Overview and wrap-up. Reader, handouts.
**Paper/Essay due.**

Week 15
13 December
**Final exam**

**Reading:**
Note: All reading material is contained in the reader (available from the NYU Prague library).