

Hagerstown Community College  
OFFICIAL MASTER SYLLABUS DOCUMENT

COURSE: ECO 201 Macroeconomic Principles  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Macroeconomics is the study of the total economy. Emphasis is placed on fiscal and monetary policy, unemployment, inflation, economic growth and international trade. Total of 45 hours of lecture. Prerequisites: ENG 099 and MAT 098.

**TEXTBOOK:** The textbook and access to MyEconLab are required for the course. The text and MyEconLab access are available as a bundle in the HCC bookstore (see below). MyEconLab access can also be purchased with the ebook (no hard copy).

Hubbard, R. G., & O'Brien, A. P. (2017). *Macroeconomics* (6th ed.). New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall. ISBN: Student Value Edition (loose leaf) with MyEconLab: 9780134439839

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Explain the economic way of thinking and how the concepts of scarcity, incentives, opportunity cost, and marginal analysis affect economic decision making.
2. Analyze the role of supply, demand, and prices in a market economy.
3. Describe how the macro economy is measured and what these measurements indicate about the economy.
4. Explain the significance of economic growth and what influences economic growth.
5. Describe and analyze theory and policy related to macroeconomic issues.
6. Use economic terminology, concepts and theories to analyze real-world scenarios and current events.

### General Education Outcomes:

The student will be able to:

- Critically analyze and evaluate issues derived from the Social Sciences utilizing appropriate methodologies.
- Demonstrate how culture, society, and diversity shape the role of the individual within society and human relations across cultures.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The textbook and MyEconLab access are required. Access to the internet is required for accessing the MyEconLab course site and using email.

## ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

Your final grade will be based on the following:

Homework	25%
Quizzes	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%

The homework and quizzes are completed online in MyEconLab. The midterm and final exams are also in MyEconLab and are held in the Testing Center. Additional details for all assignments (including a schedule with due dates) will be provided in MyEconLab.

## COURSE POLICIES:

**Total Hours of Coursework:** This is a three-credit, college-level course. To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework. You should expect to spend about six hours per week outside of class in order to succeed. (Note: This is for a 15-week semester. If you are in a shorter session, expect to spend more time per week.)

The same basic rule applies to an online class. In a face-to-face class, the time spent per week in class is usually 3 hours. Add to this the recommended six hours per week outside of class for a total of nine hours per week.

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to actively participate in this course and adhere to the course schedule. In the case of absence due to emergency (illness, death in the family, accident), or participation in official College functions, it is the student’s responsibility to confer with the instructor about the absence and missed course work. Further, it is the student’s responsibility to withdraw officially from any class which he/she ceases to attend. Failure to do so will result in the recording of an “F” grade. The College’s attendance policy can be found in the College Catalog.

Attendance applies to online classes as well. Regular, active participation every week is expected.

**Late or missed assignments:** If you experience an emergency (as defined in *Attendance Policy* above), and miss an exam, contact your instructor as soon as possible. Under emergency circumstances only, you may be given a make-up exam at the discretion of the instructor. Only exams may be made up; all other assignments must be submitted by the due date. Your lowest homework and quiz scores will be dropped.

**Academic Integrity:** The HCC Student Code of Conduct is published in the *HCC College Guide: A Handbook Planner for Students* and may be obtained in the Student Activities Office. The Code of Conduct includes principles, rights, and prohibited conduct related to academic integrity and due process. Academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with the College’s policies and procedures.

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.

Once approved by the coordinator, it is your responsibility to communicate directly with the instructor about the accommodations you require.

**The instructor reserves the right to modify the course content, schedule, and/or assessment procedures as deemed necessary.**

### ACCOUNTING FOR CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT

<i>For face-to-face class:</i>		
<b>Assignment/Assessment</b>	<b>Clock Hours</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
In-class instruction and activities	37.5	Time spent in class
Assigned readings and practice problems	40	Reading, note-taking, and practicing sample problems
Homework & Quizzes	45	Study time plus time to complete homework & quizzes
Exams	12	Study time plus time to complete exams
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>134.5</b>	
<i>For online class:</i>		
<b>Assignment/Assessment</b>	<b>Clock Hours</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Online videos and other content	37.5	Time spent on a variety of online learning tools
Assigned readings and practice problems	40	Reading, note-taking, and practicing sample problems
Homework & Quizzes	45	Study time plus time to complete homework & quizzes
Exams	12	Study time plus time to complete exams
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>134.5</b>	