**Syllabus**

Principles of Economics I

(Macroeconomics)

ECON 201HC FALL 2020

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**Course Information** CRN #22290 TR 11:00am to 12:15pm Zoom

**Course Length** 09/01/2020 to 12/20/2020

**Course Materials** Course materials (lectures, practice exams, syllabus) are available on my website and on Blackboard.

1. **Course Description**

Covers macroeconomic theory half of a one-year course in economics including central problems of economic society, supply, and demand; national income and product; saving, consumption, and investment; income determination; money supply and deposit creation; monetary and income analysis and alternative economic systems. Three hours each week.

Prerequisites: High school algebra or its equivalent or consent of department.

Assessment levels: ENGL 101/101A; MATH 093/096; READ 120. Three hours each week.

1. **General Education**

ECON 201 fulfills a General Education Program Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution. Montgomery College’s General Education Program is designed to ensure that students have the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to carry them successfully through their work and personal lives.

This course provides multiple opportunities to develop two or more of the following competencies: written and oral communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis and reasoning, technological competency, and information literacy. For more information, please check [www.montgomerycollege.edu/gened](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/gened).

1. **Resources**
* Greenlaw, Steven A., David Shapiro, and Timothy Taylor. *Principles of Macroeconomics*. Openstax. (This is a free online textbook.) <https://openstax.org/details/books/principles-macroeconomics-2e>
* Frank, Robert. *The Economic Naturalist: In Search of Explanations for Everyday Enigmas.* 2007. (Note this is not required, only strongly suggested.)
* You must sign up and use Blackboard; homework will be on Blackboard and papers will be submitted through it.
* In addition, there are online readings. ***Do not neglect them.***
1. **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply basic economic concepts such as scarcity, opportunity cost, and comparative advantage to everyday life situations.
2. Use the market model to explain how prices are set, quantities are bought and sold and how resources are allocated.
3. Analyze the basic structure of capitalism and contrast with alternative economic systems.
4. Measure unemployment and inflation.
5. Analyze functions of money and the U.S. banking system.
6. Use the model of aggregate supply and demand to examine unemployment and inflation and how these can be affected by government policy.
7. Identify the primary purposes, limitations, and controversies regarding the use of fiscal and monetary policies. Use the model of aggregate supply and demand to examine unemployment and inflation and how these can be affected by government policy.
8. Identify the factors of economic growth for both developed and less developed countries.
9. Examine globalization and its impact on the economy.
10. Measure gross domestic product (GDP) and analyze its shortcomings.
11. **Format and Procedures**

This course is made up mostly of lecture with class discussion and class activities to underline important concepts. Class discussion is paramount to the class, since I find interaction of this sort particularly valuable in understanding the economic ideas and how they fit into the world.

1. **My Assumptions**

I assume you have a basic curiosity about the world around you. I assume you are familiar with basic algebra and can correctly interpret diagrams and tables. I assume you will do the indicated readings.

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1. **Your Responsibilities**

You are responsible for all information in class even if you are late or absent. You are also responsible for checking your campus email daily. Course changes, suggestions for study, and other important messages will be posted by campus email. Bear in mind your Montgomery College email is the official means of communication.

You will turn off cell phones during exams and during class. Keep disruptions (e.g. side conversations) at a minimum (aka zero).

If you have a question, you are strongly encouraged to email me or visit my office hours. Your method of contact should be through my email address at Montgomery College. Do ***not*** email me through other methods, including Blackboard. I will not respond to such messages.

1. **Basic Needs Statement**

Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, is urged to contact the Dean of Students Affairs on your campus. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable the professor to provide any resources that they may possess. We know this can affect performance in the course and Montgomery College is committed to your success.

The Dean of Student Affairs on the Rockville campus is Dr. Tonya R. Mason, tonya.mason@montgomerycollege.edu.

The Student Health and Wellness/Fuel for Success website offers information about resources for food on our campuses and in the community and has links for community resources.  The site offers the schedule for the mobile markets, locations of the food pantries as well as a link for those who wish to contribute their time or money to support our students.  <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/student-health-and-wellness/fuel-for-success/>

Each of the main campuses has a pantry stocked with snacks and food.  Students are welcome to come pick up a snack to carry you through your next class, and to take a few items home.

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| **Campus** | **Pantry Location** | **Days & Hours of Operation** |
| **Germantown** | *High Tech (HT) Food Pantry*In the hallway, near HT300 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  |
| **Rockville** | *Women’s’ and Gender Studies Program**Food Pantry*Hallway outside of MT212 ---*Biology Department Food Pantry*Science Center, 2nd floor hallway | Monday-Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ---Monday-Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  |
| **Takoma Park/Silver Spring** | *Commons Food Pantry*CM 110*Institute for Justice, Race and Civic Engagement Food Pantry*Pavilion 4, #202Vincent.intondi@montgomerycollege.edu | Monday - Thursday8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.Monday and Wed: 12:30-4Tuesday and Thursday: 2-4 |

1. **Standards of College Behavior**

*This section is quoted from the Student Code of Conduct. For more information, please visit* [*http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Verified\_-\_Policies\_and\_Procedures/PDF\_Versions/42001\_Student\_Code\_of\_Conduct/*](http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Verified_-_Policies_and_Procedures/PDF_Versions/42001_Student_Code_of_Conduct/)*.*

The College seeks to provide an environment where discussion and expression of all views relevant to the subject matter of the educational forum are recognized as necessary to the educational process.

However, students do not have the right to interfere with the freedom of the faculty to teach or the rights of other students to learn, nor do they have the right to interfere with the ability of staff to provide services to any student.

Faculty and staff set the standards of behavior that are within the guidelines and spirit of the Student Code of Conduct or other College policies for classrooms, events, offices, and areas, by announcing or posting these standards early in the semester.

If a student behaves disruptively in the classroom, an event, an office, or an area after the instructor or staff member has explained the unacceptability of such conduct and the consequences that will result; the student may be asked to leave that classroom, event, office, or area for the remainder of the day. This does not restrict the student’s right to attend other scheduled classes or appointments.

If the student does not leave, the faculty or staff member may request the assistance of Security.

The faculty or staff member must communicate with the student about the incident before the next class meeting to resolve the issue. If a second incident occurs that warrants removal from class, the faculty member again communicates with the student and must send a written report about the incident to the Dean of Student Development with a description of the incident and whether or not the incident is being referred to the formal disciplinary process.

The Dean of Student Development or designated instructional Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education should be informed in writing about any situation that should be addressed through the formal disciplinary process. The faculty or staff member will provide the Dean of Student Development with a written summary of the facts or conduct on which the referral is based within 48 hours of the incident for appropriate and effective disciplinary process, which must include the date, time, place, and a description of the incident.

1. **Academic Dishonesty**

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The maintenance of the highest standards of intellectual honesty is the concern of every student, faculty and staff member at Montgomery College. The College is committed to imposing appropriate sanctions for breaches of academic honesty.

Note that for the fall 2020, all exams will be conducted via Blackboard. You are welcome to use any resources (notes, videos, etc.) to complete the exams but ***you cannot discuss the questions with anyone else.***

***This is not a group exam. Working with others will be considered a violation of Montgomery College’s Student Code of Conduct.***

See the above link for more information concerning what constitutes academic dishonesty and misconduct as well as possible sanctions imposed as punishment.

1. **Disability Support Services**

Any student who needs an accommodation due to a disability should make an appointment to see the course instructor during office hours. In order to receive accommodations, a letter from Disability Support Services will be needed. Furthermore, any student who may need assistance in the event of an emergency evacuation must identify the Disability Support Services Office.

1. **Veterans’ Services**

If you are a veteran or on active or reserve status and you are interested in information regarding opportunities, programs, and/or services, please visit the Combat2College website at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/combat2college/>.

1. **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all class sessions. In cases involving excessive absences from class, the instructor may drop the student from the class, but you are ultimately responsible for dropping yourself from the course. Auto-drop should not be assumed. Excessive absence is defined as one more absence than the number of classes per week during a fall or spring semester; the number of absences is pro-rated for accelerated sessions.

1. **Withdrawal and Refund Policy**

It is the student’s responsibility to drop a course. Non-attendance of classes or failure to pay does not constitute official withdrawal. To view specific drop deadlines, log into your MyMC account, click on “My Class Schedule” under “Student Quick Links.” Select the current term and click “View Drop Deadline Dates” at the bottom of the page.

1. **Audit Policy**

All students registered for audit are required to consult with the instructor before or during the first class session in which they are in audit status, and students are required to participate in all course activities unless otherwise agreed upon by the student and instructor at the time of consultation.

1. **Delayed Opening of Closing of the College**

On occasion, Montgomery College will announce a late opening or early closing of a specific campus or the entire college because of weather conditions or other emergencies.

* If a class can met for 50% or more of its regularly scheduled meeting time ***or*** if the class can meet for 50 minutes or more, it will meet.
* Montgomery College will always operate on its regular schedule unless otherwise announced. Depending on the nature of the incident, notifications of emergencies and changes to the College’s operational status will be communicated through one or more communication methods include the College’s web page.
1. **Tutoring**

Montgomery College Learning Centers provide academic support resources, including virtual tutoring, to currently enrolled students. All students have access to the STEM Learning Centers, the Academic Success Center, and the Writing, Reading, and Language Centers. Information about specific learning centers and tutoring schedules can be found at <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/virtual-tutoring.html>

There is free economic tutoring available through the Takoma Park/Silver Spring’s Academic Success Center. ~~You can get face-to-face tutoring at CM110 at TP/SS. You can get online tutoring via Skype in Rockville’s Digital Learning Center at HU307 and in Germantown’s Writing/Reading Center at HS150.~~

The Skype user name is ***ASC-tutoring*** and keep in mind ***no campus has priority***; this is a first-come, first-serve basis regardless of which campus the student comes from. ~~Face-to-face does not have priority over online tutoring.~~

Keep in mind the tutor may not be able to help you on all material, notably the material that’s not part of the official course description. The tutors are least likely to be helpful concerning material that has a N/A next to it under the “Text” section of the course schedule.

The tutoring schedule changes each semester and will be released sometime shortly after the semester begins.

1. **Course Changes**

The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule of the course if necessary but will notify the students of any changes to the schedule before the changes are implemented.

1. **Grading, Evaluation, and Assessment Procedures**

*Weight of Assignments*

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| *Assignment* | *Weight* |
| Edpuzzles | 1% each (3% total) |
| Economic Naturalist Questions | 4% |
| Economic Naturalist Paper | 12% |
| Course Orientation | 1% |
| Blackboard Homework | 1% each; lowest two dropped (10% total) |
| Exams | 20% total (lowest is 8%, highest is 12%) |
| Final | 20% |
| Participation  | 6% |
| First Look paper | 1% |
| Second Look papers | 10% each (20% total) |
| Position Discussion | 1% |
| Final Thoughts paper | 2% |

*Edpuzzles*.

There are three episodes of Planet Money I’m assigning. To ensure you listened to these episodes, you’ll be listening to them via Edpuzzle. Edpuzzles prevents you from skipping ahead and requires that you answer some basic questions about the episode as you listen to it. You can find the link to the Edpuzzle assignment via Blackboard. Note the first Edpuzzle is due immediately.

*Course Orientation.*

This Blackboard “homework” is a short quiz about the syllabus.

*Blackboard Homework.*

There will be twelve homework assignments completed through Blackboard. The lowest two will be dropped.

You will have two (2) attempts to complete each homework. After each submission, you will be informed which questions were wrong. Your score for the homework will be your best score among all attempts.

Answers will be displayed after the due date has passed. Therefore, you ***cannot*** start the homework after the due date has passed and any homework submitted after the due date will ***not*** be accepted. Blackboard is very strict in this regard; even being one second late will mean you cannot start the homework.

To access the answers, and the feedback for each question, select the View Attempts option that becomes available after the due date has passed. It will display all your attempts’ scores; select one of these scores to see the answers and feedback.

*Economic Naturalist Assignment.*

This semester you’ll be reading *The Economic Naturalist* by Robert Frank. It’s a collection of short essays that his student wrote for his economic naturalist assignment. You’ll be doing the same assignment and these examples will not only help you understand the material but also what to expect of the assignment.

Economics is a widely applicable discipline, able to shed light on a variety of everyday puzzles. But it all boils down to the same principles and themes. This assignment is about you using one of the ideas we discussed in class to explain a puzzle from the world around you.

A document on Blackboard called ***The Economic Naturalist Advice*** offers additional tips for both asking questions and for answering them.

* *Questions.* I thought about giving you a list of questions to choose from in case you couldn’t think of one. But this robs you of one of the advantages of the assignment: forming your own questions and thinking about if they are good or bad and why. So instead you will submit five questions you’ve come up with. ***Don’t answer them***—this is to encourage you to practice seeking puzzles and discourage procrastination. ***Do not use questions from the Frank book or from class. A document on Blackboard call Questions Used in The Economic Naturalist lists all questions from the book; reference that to ensure you aren’t repeating a question.***

I suggest you consult the book for ideas and to understand the sort of questions I have in mind. To gather your questions, I suggest you visit the world around you and examine it with a critical eye. Notice the differences in products or procedures. Visit a variety of stores. Study your fellow humans—it’s called the economic naturalist because this is the sort of thing biologists do. Using basic principles of biology you can unravel a variety of mysteries from the world around you. So it is with economics.

* *Economic Naturalist Paper*. Your space is limited to 500 words—the best papers are concise and approachable. Your ability to communicate is just as important as the question you ask (and yes, the title of your assignment should be in the form of a question).

When answering your question, it’s important to be complete. The best questions have an element of paradox to them so unless you solve the paradox you haven’t really answered the question. For example, one student once asked “Why are there Phillips head and straight head screws?” An excellent question. But the student answered by describing the history of the Phillips head. The cross shape prevented the screwdriver from slipping away from the screw. But this *does not* explain why we still have straight screws. The question remains only partially answered.

Remember to double-space your paper.

*Exams*.

The two exams will comprise of short answer, true/false and justify, and multiple choice. Since all exam dates are listed here, you will be expected to attend them. Failure of attendance results in a zero for the exam. Exceptions will only be made in extreme circumstances (such as a death in the family) and in those cases written proof (such as a death certificate) must be presented.

The use of any calculator which is built into a phone is not permitted.

*Final.*

The final is comprehensive. I suggest you review past exams to help prepare.

The final schedule for December is available now, on the college’s website. You have signed up for these classes with this knowledge at hand. I will not let you take your final at a different time just because you don’t like your schedule.

*Participation*.

I’m a strong believer that people learn best if they speak up. It’s a good rule not just for learning but for life in general. However because there’s a lot of material to cover, we cannot always have an in depth class discussion. Thus the expectations for participation reflect that—a substantive comment or question once a week will fulfill the requirement just fine.

*First Look Paper.*

We’re going to cover a lot of different topics and ideas in this class. Even if your opinion on these topics don’t change, how you justify that opinion very well might. This paper establishes your baseline opinion for two topics we’ll cover in class. One of them will be something we focus a whole class on and the other is a theme that we’ll touch on throughout the semester.

The first topic is income inequality. The second topic is the role of government in the economy.

In writing your “first look,” as yourself what are the problems (or what are not problems but people think they are) associated with each topic? What would you do, or not do, to address these problems?

* The whole assignment should not exceed one page. Limit your thoughts on each topic to a paragraph or two.
* Note the primary purpose of this essay is about establishing your opinion.
* While this paper counts towards your final grade, it will not be graded. Completion of the assignment is all that’s needed for full credit.

*Second Look Papers.*

These are a pair of papers you will turn in after we’ve discussed each position topic in detail. Like before, the first paper is about income inequality and the second paper is about the role of the government in the economy.

More is expected of these papers. *Each* paper will be a maximum of two pages long. How has formally covering the material changed (or not changed) your views on this issue? In writing this essay, you will have to draw on issues and concepts we’ve discussed, including at least one EconTalk episode.

EconTalk is a weekly podcast (usually) about economics hosted by Russ Roberts. He (usually) interviews another economist and he’s covered a wide range of topics over the more than ten years he’s hosted the podcast. There are over 750 episodes and each runs about an hour.

To find an episode that would inform your opinion about a topic, try going to the [categories page](https://www.econlib.org/econtalk-by-category/#content) (note that some categories are old; for example there are no episodes in the Health Care category but there are in the Health category). You do not have agree with any conclusions drawn the episode but you must draw on some of the ideas to improve your argument. (For example, you could say that EconTalk X discusses how Y is important but it’s not actually important because of Z.)

Suggested categories for the income inequality paper: Altruism and Charity; Education; Income Inequality; Immigration and Nationalism; Poverty and Development

Suggested categories for the role of the government in the economy paper: Business Cycles, Recessions, and the Great Depression; City Formation, Environment; Urban Issues; Health; Money, Banking, Monetary Policy; Public Choice.

Note that other categories might work but I wanted to give you some starting points to help show the breadth you’re allowed.

*Position Discussion.*

During our final class we’ll set aside about 15-20 minutes for everyone to get into break out groups to discussion your second look papers. The goal of these discussions are to explore other people’s positions and their justifications in preparations for your final thoughts paper. Everyone’s encouraged to bring up your EconTalk episodes and any other relevant information you learned since turning in your second look papers (including class material). Full credit is for everyone who participates.

*Final Thoughts Paper.*

This is a *very* short paper about one or two paragraphs long. Did the discussions you had at the end of the semester had an impact on you (or not) and why (or why not)? Be sure to reference specific ideas other students in your group brought up (including the names of who brought them up if you can remember) and why you found them compelling or didn’t find them compelling.

1. **Late Policy**

For ***every*** 24-hour period (rounded up) an assignment is late, there is a 10% penalty. Because all assignments are turned in through Blackboard, weekends count towards this period (turning something in Monday morning when it was due Friday at 11:59pm would count at a 30% penalty).

If you miss an exam, you make appropriate arrangements with me and the Montgomery College Assessment Center. There is a form to fill out (the Faculty Test Request Form). I will not allow you to make up an exam after I’ve graded and passed it back.

Poor Internet or other technical problems is not a compelling reason to turn in an assignment late; this is a foreseeable problem—akin to traffic—and it’s a possibility that should be accounted for.

1. **Challenges**

Students are encouraged to challenge how any assignment was graded. To challenge the score on a question, ***type*** a paragraph explaining why your answer is the correct one and are thus deserving of additional points. I am not, repeat ***not***, interested in reading about any mistakes you made but why you believe you are more correct than I gave credit. These challenges are due one week after the graded assignment was passed back or posted on Blackboard.

1. **Reviewing Papers**

I’m happy to look at your paper before you turn it in. However you ***must*** send it to me at least 72 hours before the assignment is due. It is not possible for me to review dozens of papers at the last minute and will refuse to look at any paper any closer to the deadline.

I strongly prefer that you email me your drafts. It prevents long lines outside my door, gives me sufficient room to read and craft thoughtful feedback, and gives you a written record of my thoughts. Barring unusual circumstances, I will email you my thoughts on your draft at least 24 hours before the paper is due, giving you ample time to make revisions.

1. **Comments**

I will always provide comments for your economic naturalist questions because that helps you write your economic naturalist paper and for your EconTalk summaries because it helps you write your EconTalk group paper. However, it’s not clear to me that students generally read these comments. Therefore, comments for your economic naturalist paper and your EconTalk group paper will ***only*** be provided if you opt in by writing “please provide comments” or something like that in the comment section when you submit your papers via Blackboard.

1. **What’s My Grade?**

If you want to know your grade-to-date, multiply your score on each assignment by its weight (indicated in the previous section). Then divide by the total percent assigned so far. Compare the result with the grading scale (below) to determine your grade.

All assignments are out of 100 points. For participation, you’ll want to adjust the weight of the participation for how far in the semester you are in. For example, if you want to know your grade about 20% into the semester, you’ll want to give participation a 2% weight rather than a 10% weight.

*Grading Scale (points or percent needed for specific grades).* Your grade, for both the midterm and the semester, will be determined by how many points you’ve accumulated throughout the class (by the table below).

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| A: 90+ | B: 80-89.99 | C: 70-79.99 | D: 60-69.99 | F: 0-59.99 |

Note that these are strict bounds: if you get 89.89 points for the semester, that’s a “B,” not an “A.” I will only “round up” if I feel it’s appropriate. This may mean you:

* Regularly went above and beyond what’s required for full credit (such as participation);
* Exhibited increasing mastery of the material as the semester moved forward (impressive, since the material gets harder as the semester moves forward); and/or
* Consistently demonstrated an understanding of particularly important question(s), especially if your fellow students had trouble with such question(s).

*Example.* Now that he’s completed his first exam, Henry wants to know his grade-to-date. Here are his grades so far:

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| *Item* | *Score* | *Weight* |  | *Item* | *Score* | *Weight* |
| Homework 1 | 100 | 1% | Participation | 100 | 1.5% |
| Homework 2 | 60 | 1% | Draft 1 | 90 | 4% |
| Homework 3 | 80 | 1% | Exam 1 | 76 | 10% |

Note that since it’s so early on in the semester, we made Henry’s participation grade worth 1.5% (since we’re one-fourth through the semester) rather than 6%.

Since all the homework is being adjusted by the same weight, we can add it all together first (240). And so:

240×0.01+100×0.015+90×0.04+76×0.10

2.4+1.5+3.6+7.6 = 15.1

The total percent so far is:

1%+1%+1%+1.5%+4%+10% = 18.5%

Now we divide:

15.1/0.185 = 81.6

Despite his Exam 1 grade, Henry’s grade-to-date is a B (but just barely!).

1. **Tentative Schedule**

The following table describes this course day-by-day. “#” indicates which numbered lecture is covered that day which will aid you finding the lecture notes on my website. “Text” indicates the chapter of the textbook we will be referencing that day. “Readings” are what you’re expected to read for that day but ***only the bolded readings are required and references to them may show up on exams***.

Blackboard homework is always due the night before the exam at 11:59pm. The last three homework assignments are due the night ***before*** the review session at 11:59pm.

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| **Unit** | **Date** | **#** | **Topic** | **Text** | **Readings** |
| **I** | 09/01 | 01 | Introduction | 1 |  |
| **09/02** | **Edpuzzle: The Pickle Problem due at 11:59pm** |
| 09/03 | 02 | Economic Systems | 1 |  |
| **09/07** | **First Look Paper due at 11:59pm****Course Orientation due at 11:59pm** |
| 09/08 | 03 | Opportunity Cost & Marginal Analysis | 2 | **Bastiat[[1]](#footnote-1)**,EN Intro & #1 |
| 09/10 | 04 | Supply and Demand | 3 | EN #2 |
| **09/14** | **Homework 1-2 due at 11:59pm** |
| 09/15 | 05 | Globalization & Balance of Payments | 10 |  |
| 09/17 | 06 | Income Inequality | N/A | EN #3 |
| **09/21** | **Edpuzzle: Brilliant Vs. Boring due at 11:59pm** |
| 09/22 | 07 | Personal Finance & Investment | N/A |  |
| **09/23** | **Second Look Paper 1 due at 11:59pm** |
| 09/24 | 08 | Signaling Theory & Education | N/A | EN #7 |
| *09/29* | *—* | *Catch up & Review* |  |  |
| **09/30** | **Homework 3-4 due at 11:59pm** |
| **II** | 10/01 | 09 | Trade | 2, 20 |  |
| **10/05** | **Exam 1 via Blackboard** |
| 10/06 | 10 | GDP I | 6 |  |
| 10/08 | 11 | GDP II | 6 | EN #8 |
| 10/13 | 12 | Unemployment I | 8 |  |
| **10/14** | **Economic Naturalist Questions due at 11:59pm** |
| 10/15 | 13 | Unemployment II | 8 |  |
| **10/20** | **No Classes—Advising Day** |
| **10/23** | **Homework 5-6 due at 11:59pm** |
| 10/22 | 14 | Reviewing PPFs, GDP, and Unemployment | N/A |  |
| 10/27 | 15 | Growth & Development | 7 | EN #6, **Gates[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
| 10/29 | 16 | Inflation | 9 |  |
| 11/03 | 17 | Nature of Money | 14 | **Radford[[3]](#footnote-3)** |
| *11/05* | *—* | *Catch up & Review* |  |  |
| **11/06** | **Homework 7-8 due at 11:59pm** |
| **III** | **11/09** | **Edpuzzle: Rigging the Economy due at 11:59pm** |
| 11/10 | 18 | Public Choice | N/A |  |
| **11/11** | **Exam 2 via Blackboard** |
| 11/12 | 19 | Basics of AD-AS | 11 |  |
| 11/17 | 20 | Shifting AD-AS | 11 |  |
| **11/18** | **Homework 9-10 due at 11:59pm****Economic Naturalist Paper due at 11:59pm** |
| 11/19 | 21 | Reviewing AD-AS and Public Choice | N/A |  |
| 11/24 | 22 | Banks & the Great Depression | 14 |  |
| **11/26** | **No Classes—Thanksgiving Break** |
| **11/30** | **Second Look Paper 2 due at 11:59pm** |
| 12/01 | 23 | The Great Depression & the Multiplier | 17 |  |
| 12/03 | 24 | Fiscal Policy | 17, 18 |  |
| 12/08 | 25 | Monetary Policy | 14, 15 |  |
| 12/10 | *—* | *Catch up & Discussions & Review* | N/A |  |
| **12/13** | **Reflections due at 11:59pm****Homework 11-12 due at 11:59pm** |
|  | **12/17** | **Final Exam Due via Blackboard** |

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1. Intro and section 1 (stop when you see The Demobilization): https://www.econlib.org/library/Bastiat/basEss.html?chapter\_num=4#book-reader [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.gatesnotes.com/Books/Factfulness> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://dyoungberg.com/Radford.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)