Econ 2110; section 401, and section 3. INTROD. TO MACROECONOMICS, Online and (Tu, Th; 940am). Instructor: Prof Michael J. Gootzeit (mgoot@memphis.edu); Jan 14- Apr 28, 2010. Grad Ass’t: Ms. Riham Ishak, (rfishak@memphis.edu); Student Asst’s; Ms Lawrence Welch, lrwelch@memphis.edu and Mr Charlie Zettergren, czttrgrn@memphis.edu.

Spring Break is Mar 8-14.

There are 4 full period exam dates: Tu, Feb 9; Tu, Mar 2; Thur, Apr 8, Tu, Apr 27. There is no final exam. All testing will be administered online with “elearn,” using an “open-material” format and appropriate time limits for each exam and review. Each full period will have 50 multiple choice questions selected at random from a test bank; each student will have a different list of questions. The same is true for the 8 reviews, except they consist of 20 questions.

Rules for sending mail: Please put a subject on all email. Please send all email using the email tool in elearn, the link is on the top right border of your elearn site.

SNAILMAIL: ECON DEPT, UNIV OF MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS, TN 38152
Ofc: BA 419; Phone: 901-678-4625; please leave a recorded message; Fax: 901-678-5380.
Ofc Hours: Tu, Thur: noon to 1pm and by appt.

Course Description: The course examines the nature and functions of the national economy in a global context. It includes consumption and investment behavior, national income and product determination, fiscal and monetary policy, and international trade and finance.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME PART OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS OR THE DATE OR TIME OF AN EXAM OR REVIEW WILL BE CHANGED DURING THE SEMESTER. ALL CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE IN CLASS AND/OR ON THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF YOUR ELEARN SITE.

The text for the class is: R. Hall and M. Lieberman, 

We will be using a required “electronic” text paired with Aplia software for solving homework problems related to the text and notes; but you can also purchase a physical book if you wish.

You will not be able to successfully pass this class without purchasing the Aplia online tool because 24% of class credit will be derived from homework. The price of Aplia access, plus a digital version of the text, which you may print and use only for the semester is $80 if you buy it online from Aplia. If you buy the same thing at a bookstore, it is $97. If you wish to purchase the hard copy bundled with Aplia, it is about $190 at a bookstore. Aplia online access plus the hard copy text is about $135 if purchased directly from Aplia. Or, you could buy Aplia access first directly from Aplia, plus add the hard copy text later in the semester, for another $55. So, I don’t advise purchasing the hard copy text alone. Furthermore, this is a new edition just published, so it will be very difficult to get a used copy.

There are 2 course keys, please use the correct one for your class.

If you have never used Aplia before... 1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com. 2. Click the New Student link and enter your Course Key: The course key for section 3, Tu, Th, at 940am is: RFDF-E5Z6-THAJ. The course key for section 401, online is: 7VQT-CBH3-Z73T. Be sure you enroll in the correct class. Continue following the instructions to complete your registration.

If you have used Aplia before... 1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com. 2. Sign in with your usual e-mail address and password and enter your Course Key when
prompted. See above for the correct course key. If you are not prompted for a new Course Key, click the Enter Course Key button to enroll in a new Aplia course. Enter your Course Key when you are prompted.

You will have different payment options after you register for your course. If you choose to pay later, you can use Aplia without paying until 11:59 PM on 02/3/2010.

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION: Ecoursee (desire-to-learn) will be used to administer the class. Mozilla Firefox (version 3.5) and Microsoft Internet Explorer (7 or 8) are the only browsers supported currently. If you are using any other browser (e.g. Apple's Safari, or Opera), you will experience problems using this system. Contact the IT Helpdesk via phone at (901) 678-8888 if you cannot use either Firefox or Internet Explorer.

The link is: http://elearn.memphis.edu.

This administrative software will also be used to provide study material such as “sample” reviews, class announcements, class notes, class “feedback” and grades, plus more for the online class. Each student will need a computer account. This will mean making sure that you have a universal user ID (UUID) and a Ph password, the one that is used to access email. Every registered student is assigned these two items. If you don’t know what it is, please go to the computer helpdesk, AD 124, or contact the Advanced Learning Center ecourseware team, https://umhelpdesk.memphis.edu/arsys/shared/login.jsp.

Ecoursee contains links to recent class notes, which include many relevant diagrams, some directly from the book, others which Prof Gootzeit has added. It also contains a link to audio recordings of lectures, in MP3 format, which you can download and listen to on digital devices in case you miss a lecture or for a general review. These items are to supplement regular class attendance.

For the on-campus class, there is no substitute for regular class attendance because many changes will be made in the notes and even the diagrams, as we discuss the material. Also, hearing the language in person will accustom you to the special format of the language of economics, which can then be used to help answer test questions. We will also have special tutoring provided by the “educational support program” of the university, Dr Barbara Bekis, coordinator. Special hours will be set aside outside of class for these sessions.

Make-Up Policy: THERE ARE NO MAKE-UPS ON REVIEWS OR HOMEWORK EVER. PLEASE DON’T ASK. If you are sick on the day of a FPE and you have a valid written medical excuse, you will not lose credit for the exam you missed and a make-up or a suitable substitute will be offered. TRAVELING FOR WORK OR PLEASURE OR A PRE-ARRANGED MEDICAL PROCEDURE IS NOT A VALID REASON FOR A MAKE-UP. NEITHER IS A MECHANICAL PROBLEM RELATED TO YOUR CAR.

MAKE-UPS FOR EMERGENCIES: If an unforeseen emergency arises, including sickness, accidents, etc., which prevents you from attending one of the FPE’s or the final, YOU MUST NOTIFY ME BY NOON ON THE DAY OF THE EXAM, PREFERABLY BY EMAIL, BUT A PHONE MESSAGE IS ALSO OK. PLEASE STATE THE REASON WHY YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE EXAM. I ALSO NEED YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR CALL NUMBER, YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU RECORD THE MESSAGE, SPEAK VERY SLOWLY AND CLEARLY. YOU MAY LEAVE A SPOKEN MESSAGE OF UP TO 2 MINUTES. THIS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP WITH WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION EXPLAINING THE EMERGENCY BY 2 DAYS AFTER THE SCHEDULED EXAM AT NOON.
FOR THE ON-CAMPUS CLASS; SEE BELOW

Your grade in this class is dependent on online reviews (R), full period exams (FPE), homework (H) and for the on-campus class, attendance. There will be 8 R’s, 4 FPE’s, homework due every few days and regular attendance checks. The reviews and homework will be timed and given online, according to a precise schedule available on your Elearn and Aplia sites and announced in class. REVIEWS AND HOMEWORK MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD; IF YOU BEGIN JUST BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD, YOU WILL BE CUT OFF AT THE END, WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE FINISHED. If you are not on campus, you will have to do these assignments at a remote location. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE INTERNET BROWSER OF NON CAMPUS COMPUTERS IS ADEQUATE. R grades will be averaged and the lowest R grade will be dropped if all 8 are taken. If 2 or more reviews are missed for whatever reason, you will lose credit from your semester grade average for each review missed beyond the first.

ATTENDANCE IS PART OF YOUR GRADE: There are about 26 meeting days. I won’t check attendance during the first week, or during the 4 in-class full periods (FPE’s). Credit for attendance will be based on about 10 meeting days. Attendance will be checked at various times after the official starting time of the class until the end of the class. Each confirmed attendance day will add about .6 pts to your semester grade.

I EXPECT EACH PERSON TO COME TO CLASS ON TIME AND TO STAY UNTIL THE END. Late arrivals and early departures are disruptive. If you have to leave early, please sit near the door and do so quietly. If you come late, please also sit as close to the door as possible. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO WELL IN THIS CLASS IS TO COME ON TIME TO EVERY CLASS AFTER READING THE TEXT ASSIGNMENT AND STAYING UNTIL THE END.

PLEASE AVOID CARRYING OUT PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IN CLASS. THIS IS DISRUPTIVE TO ME AND TO YOUR CLASSMATES. IF YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING OR HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE ASK ME.

The text chapter content of the 8 reviews, homework and 4 FPE’s is as follows; the exact schedule for the reviews will appear on your Elearn and Aplia sites a few days before each assignment will begin: R = review; C = chapter in text, FPE = full period exam. The dates for the FPE’s are TENTATIVE. Changes will be announced in class and on Elearn. Please look at the Elearn home page EVERY DAY to note any potential changes in this schedule.

Homework assignments will be coordinated with the review schedule.

R1 (C1,2); R2 (C3); R3 (C6); FPE #1, Tu, Feb 9. (C 1, 2, 3, 6).
R4 (C7,8); R5 (C9,10); FPE #2, Tu, Mar 2. (C 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10).
R6 (C11); FPE#3, Thurs, Apr 8. (C 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11).
R7 (C13,14); R8 (C15,16); FPE #4, Tu, Apr 27 (C 11,13,14,15,16,17). This is the last day of regular classes. There will be no final exam.

The scoring weights are as follows: To make up your semester average, the four exams (FPE) count 60%, the reviews (R) count 14%, the homework (H) counts 24% and attendance may count up to 6%. See the formula below.

GRADE CALC: [.15(FPE1+FPE2+FPE3+FPE4)+.14(RAV)+.24(H)+ATTENDANCE CREDIT, UP TO 6
Points. There is a 4 point extra bonus built into formula; with perfect attendance and grades, you may earn up to 104 points.

Grade ranges: A(90-100); B(80-89); C(70-79); D(60-69); F(under 60).