

ECON 130 Introduction to Money, Banking, and Credit
UCR Fall 2015

Class: Olmsted Hall (OLMH) 1208; MWF 9:10-10:00 a.m.

Communication Policy: Please make sure you read your email daily for notices and communications from your instructor.

Required Textbook: Mishkin: The Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets, 11/E MyEconLab by Frederic Mishkin; ISBN-10: 0134047346.

Technology requirement to submit assignments and exams online in this class:

Please read and plan ahead

Students are expected to be fully responsible for ensuring access to a high-speed stable Internet system to submit assignments or exams online.

For this purpose, UCR has labs available to students equipped with computers where you could work if needed. Go to <http://cnc.ucr.edu/scs/complabs.html> for more details on locations and hours.

Therefore, each student has plenty of resources available to submit their work on time. Please, plan ahead. Given that each student has plenty of time to complete their work online, utilizing an appropriate system as specified in this section of the syllabus, there will be no makeup or extra credit provided. Please, plan ahead.

I. Course Description:

Covers the basic theories of modern monetary systems. Explores money, credit, and interest rate behavior; financial intermediation and central banking; and methods and objectives of monetary and regulatory policy.

II. Goals and Objectives:

This course will introduce students to the larger world of money, banking, finance and the global financial system. It will explore how the financial system works and what type of policies governments implement to deal with financial instability. After this course students should be conversant in issues concerning the global financial system, the evolving instability of it, the roots of it, and potential policies to mitigate the deleterious effects of financial instability on the economy.

III. Course Expectations:

Attendance to a section: Attendance to a section strongly suggested because your TAs will help you reinforce the concepts covered in homework assignments and exams.

Homework assignments: The four homework assignments, to be found in MyEconLab, are designed to reinforce concepts and to help students prepare for the exams. The format and

content in the assignments will be similar to the exams. Therefore, it is a good idea to complete the assignments.

Final exam: The final exam will be available in MyEconLab for a number of days. Once you begin an exam you will have five hours to complete the final exam. The format and content of the exams are similar to the homework assignments. Please see the class schedule for details.

Make-up Work/Exams: Given that I am allowing ample time to complete the homework assignments and the exams, there will be no valid excuses to miss any of them. Please, plan ahead.

IV. Assessment and Evaluation:

Assignment	Percentage of grade
Homework assignments (4 of them)	70%
Final exam	30%

Grade Scale

95–100	A	71–74	C
91–94	A-	67–70	C-
87–90	B+	63–66	D+
83–86	B	50–62	D
79–82	B-	49	F
75–78	C+		

VI. Schedule:

This schedule is tentative and is subject to change.

Week 1 (Sep 25):

Introduction to the class: expectations and other issues

Week 2 (Sep 28 – Oct 2):

Readings this week: Chapters 2 and 3

Week 3 (Oct 5 – Oct 9):

Readings this week: Chapters 4 and 5

Week 4 (Oct 12 – Oct 16):

Readings this week: Chapters 8 and 9

HW # 1 due on Sunday, Oct 18 at 11:45 p.m. on chapters 2 – 5.

Week 5 (Oct 19 – Oct 23):

Readings this week: Chapter 10 and 11

HW # 2 due on Friday, Oct 30 at 11:45 p.m. on chapters 8 – 11.

Week 6 (Oct 26 – Oct 30):

Readings this week: Chapters 12 and 13

Week 7 (Nov 2 – Nov 6):

Readings this week: Chapters 15 and 16

Week 8 (Nov 9 – Nov 13; No class on Nov 11: Veterans' day):

Readings this week: Chapter 22

HW # 3 due on Sunday, Nov 15 at 11:45 p.m. on chapters 12, 13, 15, 16.

Week 9 (Nov 16 – Nov 20):

Readings this week: Chapters 23 and 24.

Week 10 (Nov 23 and Nov 25 only):

Readings this week: Chapter 25

Week 11 (Nov 30 – Dec 4):

Readings this week: Chapter 18

HW # 4 due on Sunday, Dec 6 at 11:45 p.m. on chapters 22, 23, 24, 25 and 18.

The final exam is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This means that the online final exam will be available on that day at 9:30 a.m. and it will close at 3:30 p.m.

Additional Course Policies

Academic Integrity: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this class by any means. Persons caught encouraging and/or involved in the act will be sent to the UCR academic integrity cell and will receive an "F" grade for the class. Students can work together on assignments. Additional information regarding UCR's code of conduct on academic integrity can be found online:

<http://conduct.ucr.edu/Policies/Academic+Integrity+Policy+and+Procedures.html>

Rules & Etiquette:

§ Disruptive behavior is prohibited in class.

§ Cell phones should be turned off during class.

§ No late arrivals to class.

§ Emails should start with the name of the instructor or TA you are addressing and end with your full name. It should have the course name as the subject.

Special Accommodations: Students with disabilities and special needs are encouraged to contact me during office hours or by appointment.