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**ECON110 MACROECONOMIC PRINCIPLES**

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# ECON110 MACROECONOMIC PRINCIPLES

“Let us begin,  
what where why or when,  
will all be explained  
like instructions to a game...”

“My Philosophy” - Boogie Down Productions

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## QUICK REFERENCE: USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- For **administrative matters**, contact Alex Blair (Tutor-in-charge), Ph: 9850-7897; E4A 418.
- The login point for the **unit web site** (and all your other units) is at

<http://online.mq.edu.au>

Click on “login” and it will ask you for your username and password. These will then give you access to the password-protected ECON110 website. You will find most, if not all, of the information about the Unit at the website, including contact details and consultation hours of your lecturers. Make sure in particular to access the Bulletin Board on the website, especially the Announcements from Teaching Staff directory, which contains important information and regular updates about the Unit.

### 1. AIMS AND NATURE OF THE COURSE

Welcome to the 2007 offering of ECON110 *Macroeconomic Principles*.

ECON110 *Macroeconomic Principles* is the first of the two introductory courses in Economics at Macquarie University. It is first semester course that deals with ‘macroeconomics’, that is, with the study of the economy *as a whole* or *as an aggregated entity*. It thus focuses on topics such as aggregate income, unemployment, inflation, the balance of payments, exchange rates, money, and macroeconomic policy. By contrast, the second semester course, ECON111 *Microeconomic Principles*, is primarily concerned with ‘microeconomics’ – the analysis of *individual* units in the economy and the theory of consumers, firms and industries.

The topics included in ECON110 are:

1. Problems and Methods of Economics
2. Basic Economic Concepts
3. The Circular Flow and National Income Accounts
4. The Goods Market (Income-Expenditure Model)
5. Investment Theory
6. The Money Market
7. Interactions between the Goods and Money Markets
8. The External Sector
9. The Financial Sector
10. Monetary Policy
11. Fiscal Policy
12. Inflation
13. Unemployment

At the end of this course, it is unlikely that you will be able to solve the major problems of economics. However, an economics education should enable you to appreciate economic problems more clearly, to recognize which factors are critical and which arguments are dubious, and to begin to be able to evaluate conflicting claims about the economy. Economics is far more than a body of facts to be remembered, or the merely mechanical application of theoretical models. It was described by John Maynard Keynes (with whose ideas you will become more familiar) in this way:

‘The theory of economics is *a method* rather than a doctrine, an apparatus of the mind, a technique of thinking which *helps* its possessor draw correct conclusions’ (emphasis added).

## TEN STEPS TO SUCCESS IN ECON110

1. Read the relevant sections of the textbook before the lecture (see Section 12 below on Texts).
2. Summarise the lecture material after the lecture. Supplement with material from the textbook.
3. Consult the Bulletin Board on the website daily.
4. Do the computer quizzes each week. Get some quick feedback on how you are going!
5. Use the web site to access the Bulletin Board to ask questions, or to see the questions/answers of other students!
6. Take your copy of submitted assignments along to your tutorial to compare it with your tutor's answers.
7. Be prepared to ask questions/answer questions/express an opinion.
8. Don't let problems build up – seek help often and early.
9. Revise past exam papers and have questions ready for the final tutorial.
10. Last but not least, be especially nice to your lecturers and tutors.

## 2. UNIT WEB SITE (ONLINE MATERIAL)

The Unit web site plays an important role in communicating with students in ECON110. You will need to visit the site on a regular basis, either via computers on campus or from your own computer at home. **A significant part of your assessment requires you to use the ECON110 website regularly. ALL IMPORTANT COURSE DOCUMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA THE WEBSITE.**

The Unit web site has two sections. The first section contains publicly available material and provides basic course information such as that contained in this handout. The second section is password-protected and is available only to students currently enrolled in ECON110. It provides access to online course material such as lecture slides, exercise solutions, assignments, quizzes and course announcements. You login to this material via the Welcome Page of the Unit web site.

To login you need a Username and password. Your ECON110 Username will be your standard Macquarie student username, which is your University Student Number. The letter you received from the University after enrolment will also have informed you of your initial password. For security reasons we suggest you change your password when you first login. You must change it **within two weeks of the start of classes**. Your new password must be between 6-8 characters in length and must contain **both** letters and numbers. The password is case-sensitive because the computer treats upper case and lower case as **different** characters. If you forget your password or your account has been disabled, it can be reset by the Information Technology Services (ITS) Helpdesk. If you have not received the letter, contact the ICS Helpdesk.

### Access to the Internet

You can access the ECON110 web site from anywhere on the Internet. Access to the Internet is available on-campus, off-campus through an internet service provider (ISP), some local libraries, or Internet cafes anywhere in the world. Consult the Announcements from Teaching Staff section of the Bulletin Board on the ECON110 website for further information on Internet access.

## 3. LECTURES

There are three one-hour lectures per week, which you will need to attend to maximise your performance in ECON110. Each lecture is given two times during the day, and once in the evening. (**Note:** You only attend one lecture per day and a total of *three* lectures per week, not three per day and twelve per week!). Lectures are organised into four streams, each of which covers the same content, although the lecturers will differ. All day lectures will be held in the MACQUARIE THEATRE. The streams are arranged as below:

## Day Lectures:

Stream 1:	Wednesday 1-2 pm ; Thursday 12-2 pm.	Macquarie Theatre
Stream 2:	Wednesday 2-4 pm ; Thursday 2-3 pm .	Macquarie Theatre
Stream 4:	Friday 11am-2pm	W5A T2

## Evening Lectures:

Stream 3:	Wednesday 6-8 pm ; Thursday 6-7 pm .	X5B T1
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**NOTE: YOU MUST ATTEND THE LECTURE STREAM FOR WHICH YOU WERE ENROLLED TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE GETS A SEAT. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SWITCH BETWEEN DAY LECTURES. FOR FIRE SAFETY REASONS, STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SIT ON THE STEPS OR IN THE AISLES OF THE THEATRE DURING LECTURES. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, AND STUDENTS WILL BE EJECTED AND PENALISED WHEN FOUND ATTENDING LECTURES FOR WHICH THEY ARE NOT ENROLLED.**

Note that the Friday lecture (Stream 4) was recently created due to increased student numbers. You may wish to change your timetable to move to this stream if your current lecture time is inconvenient.

There are five lecturers in the Unit:

- Wylie Bradford (Lecturer-in-charge)  
(Room E4A 425, phone 9850 8467) Weeks 1-13; (Stream 1)
- Sean Turnell  
(Room E4A 426, phone 9850 8493) Weeks 1 -7; (Stream 2)
- Max Tani  
(Contact details to be advised) Weeks 8-13; (Stream 2)
- Alex Blair  
(E4A 418, phone 9850 7897) Weeks 1-13 (Stream 3)
- Craig MacMillan  
(E4A 427, phone 9850 7290) Weeks 1-13 (Stream 4)

#### 4. ASSESSMENT

Assessment in the course will be as follows:	%
(a) One within-semester Multiple Choice Test	10
(b) One within-semester Long Answer Test	10
(c) One Assignment	5
(d) Tutorial presentation	5
(e) Computer Quizzes	5
(f) Final Exam	65
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- (i) The **MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST AND LONG ANSWER TEST** will be conducted in your normal lecture time on Thursday in Weeks 7 (Multiple Choice) and 10 (Long Answer). Each test will be of approximately 45 minutes duration. These tests are **NOT** just for purposes of assessment. They are intended and designed to give you **PRACTICE FOR THE FINAL EXAM**. The importance of this far outweighs their contribution to your marks. You should attend even if you believe you are unprepared. You will usually perform far better than you expected. If you fail to attend these tests you will be awarded a zero mark, but more importantly, you will miss out on valuable preparation and honing of your exam skills that will be vital in the final exam. There will be no catch-up or supplementary tests. Students who experience serious misadventure and are unable to attend a test should submit an Advice of Absence form to the Student Centre.

The long answer test will require essay-type answers involving diagrams and explanations. This will provide you with practice for the final exam, which is largely essay-based. The multiple choice (MC) test consists of 16 questions which will be machine-marked. MC questions will also be an important component of the Final Examination, and the MC in-semester test will give you valuable practice for this. Incorrect answers to MC questions receive a zero mark (there is no negative marking). Each in-semester test is worth 10%.

- (ii) Marks for the **COMPUTER QUIZZES** will be awarded based on the number of quizzes attempted and the mark achieved (for details see the Computer Quiz section below).
- (iii) Students will be required to make one **TUTORIAL PRESENTATION** during the semester. You will be asked, without prior notice, to present an answer to one of the tutorial questions. You should be fully prepared for every tutorial, in order to be ready to present your answer when the tutor requires you to do so. Further information will be given in your first tutorial. Students who are absent from the tutorial when their name is called, will be given a mark of zero. You will only be allowed to give a presentation in your own tutorial class. Students attending a tutorial class to which they have not been allocated, should know that they run the risk of receiving a zero mark for this component.
- (iv) Students are required to submit one **ASSIGNMENT**, to be placed in the designated box in ERIC, before 7:00PM on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. You should commence the Assignment sufficiently early that illness or other misadventure will not cause a failure to submit. The Assignment, like the two in-semester tests, is intended to give you practice for the final exam. As with the tests, its importance to you as preparation for the Final Exam far outweighs its contribution to your marks. You should see it as an opportunity to prepare yourself for the

exam, and complete it to the best of your ability within the time limit. It is equivalent to one Long Answer question, with length restricted to 500 words. If you work to understand the Unit material then the Assignment itself can be done quite quickly. No late Assignments will be accepted for any reason.

- (v) The **FINAL EXAMINATION** (3 hours) will consist of two components:
- (i) Multiple choice questions (30% of Final Exam mark)
  - (ii) Long answers (70% of Final Exam mark).

As noted above, most of the in-semester work is designed as practice for the Final Examination. That is why you should complete the Assignment and the Quizzes on time, and attend the tests, regardless of your own estimation of your preparedness for both. No late Assignments will be accepted, and no supplementaries offered for the in-semester tests, partly because the purpose of the Assignment and tests is to prepare you for the Exam, rather than just to accumulate marks.

**RETURN OF WRITTEN WORK:** All Assignments and Long Answer Tests will be returned in tutorials. Assignments will be returned in Tutorial 6 (for Thursday tutorials) and Tutorial 7 (for all other tutorials). Long Answer Tests will be returned in Tutorial 9. If for some reason you are absent for those tutorials, then your tutor will keep your work for two subsequent tutorials.

**Written work can be returned to you only if you provide your Tutorial Number on the work. Written work without a TN will be marked but not returned.**

To pass ECON110, students must satisfy **three separate requirements**:

- (1) Submit a satisfactory **Assignment**;
- (2) Make a genuine effort to prepare for the **within-semester Tests**; **AND**
- (3) **Pass** the **Final Exam**.

**IT IS ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT POLICY THAT FAILURE IN THE FINAL EXAM MEANS AUTOMATIC COURSE FAILURE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.**

## 5. TUTORIALS

Each student is expected to attend (10) tutorials in ECON110. Tutorials will begin in Week 3 and then be held in each week for the rest of the semester. Tutorials will be structured around tutorial problems and the assignments described below, and will offer opportunities for discussion and asking questions. The tutorial arrangements and topics covered in these tutorials are indicated on the **Unit Calendar** on the last page of this handout.

Each tutorial has a Tutorial Number. You must put your TN on your written work (Assignments and Long Answer Tests) in order for it to be returned to you. Work without a TN will not be returned. In particular for the Long Answer Test, it will be necessary to **learn your TN beforehand**, and remember it in the Long Answer Test in order to put it on your Test paper.

At least once during the semester, you will be required to make a short presentation during a tutorial class. This presentation will involve you providing a thorough answer to a section of that week's tutorial exercise chosen by your tutor. **YOU WILL BE CALLED ON TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AT RANDOM.** The presentation component of tutorials will count for **5%** of your final mark. Your tutor will provide more details regarding this procedure in your first class. **Presentations will begin in Week 4 (Tutorial 2).**

Tutorial lists (giving your tutorial time, tutorial number, and location) will be put in the password-protected section of the Unit Website at the beginning of Week 3.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU KNOW YOUR TUTORIAL NUMBER, THE NAME OF YOUR TUTOR, AND THE TIME OF YOUR TUTORIAL.**

Tutors should tell you their name in the first tutorial, but if they forget, or if you miss the first tutorial, then it is **your** job to ask them. A full list of lecturers and tutors and their contact details is available on the Unit website.

The reason why it is essential to know these things is that **you are required to put your tutorial number, tutor's name and tutorial time on all tests and work that you hand in.** This is vital to the administration of this very large course. It is essential in preventing your work from being lost, and in getting it back to you after it has been marked. **If you don't put this information on work handed in, you may never see it again or have your mark recorded.** So don't forget – **find out the name of your tutor, tutorial number and time, and remember them.**

Tutors are always very happy to help you with any problems you may be having. Make sure you ask questions during the tutorial time – that is what it is for. You will be surprised how many other people in the room had the same question in mind and just weren't brave enough to ask!! If it is something that can't be solved during the tutorial hour, go and see your tutor during his/her consultation times. You can also put the question on the online Bulletin Board and a tutor will answer your question. It is good to get problems sorted out as they occur, rather than wait until the last minute when it may be too late.

**CHANGE OF TUTORIAL TIME:** If you want to change your tutorial time, do so at the on-line change of program sessions in **Weeks 1 and 2** in E7B146 (see blue Change of Program (COP) form for COP session times). Changing your tutorial time in the first two weeks is easy and instant. You do not need to complete a form or get a signature – go directly to the computer people in E7B-146 and they can make the change for you as long as space is available in your preferred tutorial.

Tutorial time changes **after Week 2** will only be approved under exceptional circumstances. Submit the request **in person** to Alex Blair, E4A 418. You will need substantial evidence of your reason to change (e.g. a letter from your employer stating changed work hours). No tutorial changes can be accepted after the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **6. ASSIGNMENT**

There will be **one** assignment, which **MUST** be handed in (see Section on Assessment). The assignment will consist of combinations of multiple choice questions, exercises and long-answer type questions (of examination standard). The assignment will be made available to you via the website prior to the due date.

The completed assignment must be submitted to the designated boxes in the Economic Reference Room (E4B 106) **NO LATER** than **7:00 PM** on the **WEDNESDAY in Week 8** (2<sup>nd</sup> May). Students who experience **serious** misadventure and are unable to submit an assignment by the due date should submit an Advice of Absence form to the Student Centre.

- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LATE ASSIGNMENTS BE ACCEPTED.**
- **YOU MUST KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF THE ASSIGNMENT YOU SUBMIT.**
- **BRING THE COPY TO YOUR TUTORIAL SO THAT YOU CAN COMPARE YOUR ANSWER WITH YOUR TUTOR'S ANSWER.**

## 7. COMPUTER QUIZZES

The computer quizzes cover the work done in lectures, tutorials and the textbook. The aims of the quizzes are:

- to assist you in monitoring your understanding of the material,
- to provide feedback on your progress, and
- to help you prepare for the multiple choice questions in the mid-course tests and in the final exam.

These quizzes can be done on any computer connected to the Internet). Each quiz consists of 20 multiple choice and true/false questions chosen randomly from a large data bank of questions relating to specific topics.

You should attempt each computer quiz within three weeks of the topics examined in the quiz being dealt with in the lectures. Week 1 quiz is available shortly after the beginning of Semester. Watch the Announcements from Teaching Staff section for details.

### Assessment of Quizzes

There will be one quiz for the topics covered in each week of lectures. **EACH WEEK'S QUIZ WILL BE OPEN FOR ASSESSMENT ONLY FOR A THREE WEEK PERIOD.** In that period you may attempt each Quiz up to three times (the computer will randomly generate a different set of questions each time).

Students who complete all or part of the weekly Quizzes can add up to 5% to their final mark for ECON110. However, to do this, you **MUST** adhere to the deadline for each Quiz. **If you miss the deadline, you cannot progress to the next Quiz**, and your maximum quiz mark will be the mark you have achieved for the quizzes you have completed up to that point.

Only the highest of the three marks will count towards your assessment. This allows you an introductory attempt and then two repeat attempts. Your understanding of the topic will improve with each attempt, and your progress will be rewarded in your final mark for that quiz, which will be the highest of the marks for your three attempts.

**THIS THREE WEEK PERIOD, DURING WHICH YOU CAN ATTEMPT EACH QUIZ, WILL BEGIN FOLLOWING THE END OF LECTURES ON THE TOPIC COVERED BY THE QUIZ.** All three assessable attempts must be made within this period. The start and end times of the period for the assessable quizzes will be posted on the website. In general, the closing time for each quiz will be three weeks after the relevant lectures. Note carefully the date and exact time for expiry of the Quiz. Once the time limit for each quiz has expired, the icon for that quiz will disappear from the web site.

You **must** attempt every quiz within the three week period allowed, and achieve a score of at least 10 out of 20 in one of your three attempts, in order to progress to the next quiz. If for example you do not pass the Week 2 Quiz within the three week time limit you will not be able to progress to the Week 3 Quiz, nor to any subsequent quiz. You would therefore forfeit the remainder of the 5% Online Quiz assessment.

As an exercise in Week 1, you will be required to post a message on the bulletin board of the website, acknowledging that you have read and understood these instructions. **If you do not complete this exercise, you will suffer a marks penalty.** Some students do not spend the time necessary to comprehend these instructions. They therefore do not understand why, for example, the icon for a quiz disappears after the three week time limit, and they approach the tutor-in-charge with this problem. You are welcome at any time to approach the tutor-in-charge with genuine problems, but **if you demonstrate that your problem has arisen because you have not spent the time necessary to understand these instructions, then you will suffer a marks penalty.**

**MAKE AT LEAST ONE ATTEMPT AT EACH WEEK'S QUIZ AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.** Your basic knowledge from the lecture, tutorial and textbook should be enough to give you a mark of 50% in this first attempt (you can do a few Practice Quiz first, if you wish). A mark of 50% is what you will need to progress to the following week's Quiz. 50% sounds like a low mark, but note that it will not affect your final Quiz mark for ECON110, because **ONLY YOUR BEST MARK IS COUNTED.** Once you have completed at least one quiz attempt with a mark of 50%, you will be entitled to progress to the following quizzes. Meanwhile you can make more attempts at the current quiz when you are more confident with the material, and get the higher mark which will contribute to your total mark for the subject. Having done one attempt for each Quiz with a mark of 50%, you will not need to worry about missing a deadline.

As well as giving you invaluable practice for the Final Examination, part of the intention of the quiz system is to accustom you to the regulations, requirements and deadlines that you will inevitably encounter throughout your university studies (and later, in paid employment). In particular, meeting the deadlines is a crucial part of the discipline that gives the exercise value.

Therefore, you are expected to make note of, and meet, the deadline for each quiz, whenever it may be. You will be expected to understand the 24 hour clock system upon which the quizzes are based. If you miss the deadline for a quiz, for any reason, we will not enter into argument about the deadline, and we will not extend it. Meeting the deadline is part of the exercise.

Remember also that the practice quizzes will be available from the day they open till the end of semester. So you will always be able to practice for the Final Examination, although when you do the Practice Quizzes you will not be earning marks that contribute to your final grade.

**EACH TEST SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY YOU WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM OTHERS.** The quizzes are intended to give **YOU** feedback on **YOUR** understanding of the various topics and to indicate areas where further work is required. Such feedback is worthless if the test results reflect your friends' understanding of the topic, rather than your own!

#### **IN SUMMARY:**

- 1. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT WEEK'S QUIZ UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S QUIZ.**
- 2. IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE OF A QUIZ, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE IT OR SUBSEQUENT QUIZZES. THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE DOES NOT ALLOW QUIZZES TO BE REOPENED FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS.**
- 3. MAKE ONE ATTEMPT AT THE QUIZ WHEN IT IS FIRST RELEASED, EVEN IF YOU FEAR A LOW MARK (ONLY YOUR HIGHEST MARK WILL BE COUNTED). BY THIS**

## **MEANS YOU CAN AVOID MISSING A DEADLINE AND BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE QUIZZES.**

### **How to Access the Computer Quizzes**

Go to the password-protected area of the Unit web site and click on the Quiz icon. Follow the hyper-linked title of a quiz in the quiz listing links to access immediately the particular quiz you want to complete. The Quiz/Survey page is divided into 3 frames:

1. The top of the question frame shows the title of the quiz, the time the quiz was started, the current time, the time allotted (unlimited), the time spent on the quiz and the number of questions.
2. The left-hand frame shows the questions on the Quiz/Survey. If all of the questions do not fit on the screen, a scrollbar at the right of the frame allows you to scroll down to display the remaining questions. Each question is followed by a Save Answer button, which must be pressed after answering each individual question. The Save Answer button may be pressed more than once, if an answer to a question needs to be changed.
3. The right-hand frame contains a table listing which questions have and have not been answered. A red bullet denotes that a particular question has not been answered yet, while a green bullet indicates that the question has been answered. Pressing the Save Answer button below a question in the left frame will change a bullet from red to green.

When you have completed the quiz, the Finish button at the top or bottom of the quiz must be pressed to submit the responses for grading. Once that button has been pressed, the student's answers are saved and the student is provided with a hyperlink to return to the quiz homepage. When you click on a particular attempt that has been marked you are presented with the view of the whole quiz again, showing your score. You can get back to the listing of quizzes by clicking on the "Back to Quiz Listing" hyper-link at the bottom of the graded quiz. In addition to viewing individual quiz results, students may view their performance on quizzes in relation to class performance, by clicking on the Summary button at the top of the Quiz homepage. A listing of all attempted and graded quizzes will be shown, and the student may select the checkboxes of quizzes for which summary information is to be shown.

## **8. ENQUIRIES AND PROBLEMS**

### **Administrative**

If you wish to change your tutorial time or have other administrative enquiries, contact

Alex Blair (Tutor-in-charge), Ph: 9850-7897; E4A 418.

If you have forgotten your password for the web site, the ITS Help desk (see Section 2) can reset it.

### **Academic**

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THE COURSE OR WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU, CONTACT YOUR LECTURER OR TUTOR.**

There is a list of all lecturers, with their contact details and consultation hours, on the Unit web site. In addition, members of staff in the Economics Department have their consultation times displayed on their doors. If your tutor is unable to help, then contact one of the other tutors, or one of the lecturers in the course. If your question is not urgent, you can always post it on the online Bulletin

Board and it will be answered in due course (but not instantly). Other students can then also benefit from your question and the posted response.

### **Advice of Non-Completion of Coursework**

If you are sick or experience misadventure such that you are unable to complete an item of coursework (multiple choice tests, assignments or computer quizzes, for example), Macquarie has a certain procedure which must be followed:

1. Go to the **STUDENT CENTRE** (in the Lincoln Building) and obtain an 'Advice of Absence' form. A copy of the form is attached for your information as the second last page of this handout.
2. Complete the form and hand it in to the Student Centre, along with any supporting documentation such as medical certificates.
3. The Student Centre will forward the forms to the relevant lecturers-in-charge.
4. **DO NOT ADVISE ANY ACADEMIC STAFF, AND DO NOT HAND FORMS IN TO ANY ACADEMIC STAFF.**
5. This procedure is **ONLY FOR COURSEWORK**. A different procedure applies for sickness and misadventure relating to final exams.

### **Personal**

If, for whatever reason, you find yourself in serious difficulties in relation to your university studies, you are strongly encouraged to inform your tutor of your situation and how it is affecting you. You don't have to go into personal details if that is not your wish; just outline the facts of the case so that the tutor is **aware** that a problem exists. It is much better to do this while the difficulties are occurring rather than afterwards.

Many of you, moreover, will face personal crises of one sort or another during your university career. Often these will occur in your first year. If you desire professional assistance of any kind with your personal problems, you are strongly encouraged to consult one of the helpful people at the University Counselling and Health Services, all of whom have experience with a very wide range of situations. This service is free.

### **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

University Staff provide a wide range of services to assist you with the unit. These include:

- three sets of the same lecture (two in the day and one in the evening)
- audio-tapes of lectures (university resources permitting)
- tutorials
- unit web site with bulletin board
- individual consultation upon request
- assistance with study skills (library, audiovisual section)
- assistance with writing skills (English for Academic Purposes)
- assistance with mathematical skills (Numeracy Centre)
- assistance with personal problems (Counselling Service)

However, it is **YOUR** responsibility – and not that of the staff – to ensure that a satisfactory understanding of the course material is achieved. How this understanding is achieved is also your responsibility – there are no fixed formulae. Although attendance at lectures and tutorials is highly desirable and strongly encouraged, we do not enforce it.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION - FINAL EXAMINATION**

In cases of illness or misadventure in relation to the final examination, you may appeal for Special Consideration. In this regard, the Economics Department offers you a form of insurance against

factors that could affect your performance in the exam, or prevent you from sitting the examination on the day. However, like any insurance policy, a premium must be paid. For this policy, you are not asked to pay in money, but in marks in ECON110.

Your attention is drawn to the following:

The procedures of the Division of Economic and Financial Studies allow Lecturers-in-Charge to refuse applications for Special Consideration on the grounds of 'Unsatisfactory Coursework'.

**IN ECON110, NO STUDENT WILL BE GRANTED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION IF THEY HAVE NOT SCORED AT LEAST 50% OF THE MARKS AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN-SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS.**

The Lecturer-in-Charge is happy to lend a helping hand to those affected by circumstances beyond their control, but you should remember that for students **this is a privilege, not a right.**

Your attention is drawn to p.18 in the 2007 University Calendar where it is noted that 'Each unit of study is worth a specified number of credit points.' The credit value of a unit reflects the amount of work required in the unit. Each credit point in a half-year unit would indicate that you should expect to spend about 3 hours each week on that unit.

ECON 110 has a value of 3 credit points, so you should spend on average **9** hours per week (lectures, tutorials, study, etc.) on this unit.

**IF YOU ARE NOT SPENDING AN AVERAGE OF 9 HOURS PER WEEK ON ECON110, THEN YOU ARE DELUDING YOURSELF ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF WORK NECESSARY TO PASS THIS UNIT.**

## STUDENT APPEAL

If there is any circumstance or situation beyond your control which will affect your future performance in the Unit, particularly in the Final Examination, inform the University as soon as possible. It is advisable also to inform the Tutor-in-Charge Alex Blair as well, in person or by email. Do this as soon as you are sure of the seriousness of the situation and its effect on your future performance.

Once the Unit has been completed, any query or difficulty concerning your final result in the unit should be made **IN WRITING** to the lecturer-in-charge. **Do this as soon as possible after receipt of your grade.** If there is a continuing difficulty, a student should see the Head of the Economics Department or the Head of the Division of Economic and Financial Studies. Ultimately, the student may lodge a formal appeal against the result by writing to the Registrar.

## 9. THE EFS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE (ERIC)

ERIC is a resource facility that provides a very useful interface between students and the teaching staff in DEFS. It contains, for example, copies of handouts distributed in lectures and solutions to exercises. In addition, its notice board (outside the room) is also where tutorial lists and the results of Multiple Choice tests are posted.

**ERIC is located in E4B 106 (on the ground floor).** You need to familiarise yourself with its location and the services it provides.

## 10. THE DANGERS OF PLAGIARISM AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

The integrity of learning and scholarship depends on a code of conduct governing good practice and acceptable academic behaviour. One of the most important elements of good practice involves acknowledging carefully the people whose ideas we have used, borrowed, or developed. All students and scholars are bound by these rules because all scholarly work depends in one way or another on the work of others.

Therefore, there is nothing wrong in using the work of others as a basis for your own work, nor is it evidence of inadequacy on your part, *provided you do not attempt to pass off someone else's work as your own.*

To maintain good academic practice, so that you may be given credit for your own efforts, and so that your own contribution can be properly appreciated and evaluated, you should acknowledge your sources and you should *ALWAYS*:

- (i) State clearly, in an appropriate form, where you found the material on which you have based your work, using the system of reference specified by the Division in which your assignment was set.
- (ii) Acknowledge the people whose concepts, experiments, or results you have extracted, developed, or summarised, even if you put these ideas into your own words.
- (iii) Avoid excessive copying of passages by another author, even where the source is acknowledged. Find another form of words to show that you have thought about the material and understood it, but remember to state clearly where you found the ideas.

If you take and use the work of another person without clearly stating or acknowledging your source, you are falsely claiming that material as your own work and committing an act of *PLAGIARISM*. This is a very serious violation of academic practice and an offence for which you will be penalised.

*YOU WILL BE GUILTY OF PLAGIARISM* if you do any of the following in an assignment, or in any piece of work which is to be assessed, *without clearly acknowledging your source(s) for each quotation or piece of borrowed material:*

- (a) Copy out part(s) of any document or audio-visual material, including computer-based material;
- (b) Copy out or take ideas from the work of another student, even if you put the borrowed material in your own words;
- (a) Submit substantially the same final version of any material as a fellow student. On occasions, you may be encouraged to prepare your work with someone else, but the final form of the assignment you hand in must be your own independent endeavour.

## 11. TEXTS

### TEXTBOOK

The textbook in ECON110 for 2007 is

O'Donnell R.M. (2007), *Macroeconomic Principles* 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

This book covers the entire content of the unit.

### Dictionaries of Economics

Understanding definitions and concepts in economics is often half the battle. Glossaries at the back of some textbooks are helpful. Dictionaries of Economics, of which there are several located in the Reference Area of the Library, can also be helpful. Note, however, that dictionaries sometimes contain mistakes and are sometimes incomplete. It is thus preferable to consult at least two different dictionaries, rather than rely on one alone.

### Alternative Texts

If you find the set textbook unsatisfactory, you may like to try an alternative. Several alternative texts are suggested below. If you find one with a style that suits you, it is possible to use it as a substitute so long as it covers the same basic material and was not published too long ago. As a general rule, however, it is not a good idea to attempt to read a large number of textbooks on each topic. Different books have different emphases, symbols and conventions and the differences can be confusing. Your time is also too limited to conduct a research project on every subject.

Stegman T. and Junor B. (1993), *Introductory Macroeconomics*, Harcourt Brace.

Jackson, J. and McConnell, C. R. (1994), *Economics*, 4th Australian Edition, McGraw Hill.

Lipsey, R.G., Langley, P.C. and Mahoney, D.M. (1986), *Positive Economics for Australian Students*, 2nd ed., Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London.

McTaggart D., Findlay C. and Parkin M. (1999), *Economics*, Addison-Wesley.

Samuelson P.A., Nordhaus W.D., Richardson S., Scott G., Wallace R. (1995), *Economics*, Vol.2: Macroeconomics, McGraw Hill.

Baumol W.J., Blinder A.S., Gunther A.W., Hicks J.R.L. (1992), *Economics, Principles and Policy*, 2nd Australian edition, Harcourt Brace.

Waud R.N., Maxwell P, Bonnici J. (1992), *Macroeconomics*, 2nd Australian edition, Harper Educational.



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## COURSE CALENDAR ECON110

Week No. Commencing	Lecture Topic	Tutorials
1 26 February	Nature of Economics; Problems and Methods; Circular Flow.	Access the website and familiarise yourself with it. Talk to each other and to former students on the bulletin board.
2 5 March	National Income Accounts; Goods Market Analysis.	Begin Quiz 1 at the start of the week. (Relax, it mainly covers admin issues).  Then do Quiz 2 at the end of the Week.
3 12 March	Two sector Model; Three sector Model.	<b>DO COMPULSORY WEBSITE EXERCISE (to find it, look at the Bulletin Board).</b>  <b>Tutorial 1:</b> Circular Flow; National Income Accounts. Quiz 3 available from the end of the week.
4 19 March	Four sector Model; Investment.	<b>Tutorial 2:</b> The Income-Expenditure Model and the Goods Market. Quiz 4 available from the end of the week.
5 26 March	Demand for Money.	<b>Tutorial 3:</b> The Income-Expenditure Model and the Goods Market – Extensions Quiz 5 available from the end of the week.
6 2 April	Money Market Equilibrium and Interest Rate Determination.	<b>Tutorial 4:</b> Consumption and Investment. Quiz 6 available from the end of the week.
<b>MID-SEMESTER BREAK: FRIDAY 6 APRIL TO SUNDAY 22 APRIL.</b>		
7 April 23	Financial Sector <b>MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST</b> <b>THURSDAY LECTURE 26 APRIL *</b>	<b>No tutorials this week</b>  Quiz 7 available from the end of the week.
8 30 April	Interactions between Goods and Money Markets.	<b>Tutorial 5:</b> Demand for Money and the Money Market.  SUBMIT <b>ASSIGNMENT</b> TO DESIGNATED BOX ERIC (E4B 106) <b>BY 7 PM WED. MAY 2</b>  Quiz 8 available from the end of the week
9 7 May	Unemployment.	<b>Tutorial 6:</b> Interactions between Markets.  Quiz 9 available from the end of the week
10 14 May	Inflation. <b>LONG ANSWER TEST</b> <b>THURSDAY LECTURE MAY 17 *</b>	<b>Tutorial 7:</b> Unemployment  Quiz 10 available from the end of the week
11 21 May	Monetary Policy and Fiscal Policy.	<b>Tutorial 8:</b> Inflation.  Quiz 11 available from the end of the week
12 28 May	Exchange Rates.	<b>Tutorial 9:</b> Monetary Policy; Fiscal Policy.  Quiz 12 available from the end of the week
13 4 June	Overview and Revision.	<b>Tutorial 10:</b> Exchange rates  Quiz 13 available from the end of the week

**\* Note that this Test will be held in the Friday lecture for Stream 4 students.**