

**ECON 201A (SLN 12669) – Winter 2010 - Prof. Charles R. Nelson**  
**Revised SYLLABUS as of Dec. 30, 2009**

Lectures: Monday and Wednesday 12:30-1:50 p.m. in GWN 301  
Sections: Fridays, see time schedule for details of your section meeting.  
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The textbook is my *MACROECONOMICS: An Introduction, Internet Edition*. It may be downloaded free, along with Answers to the Exercises, practice questions, and lecture notes from

<http://www.econ.washington.edu/user/cnelson/STUDENT.html>

Also, to become more familiar with our economy I encourage students to read *The Wall Street Journal*. To subscribe online go to <http://subscribe.wsj.com/quarter> - do not contact me, please.

Your grade will be based on the two tests on the schedule below. Extra credit can be earned for participation in section at the discretion of your TA. The grading system is explained at the end of this syllabus. Please note carefully the dates of the tests (Mon. Feb. 8 and Wed. Mar. 10) since **I do not give make-ups**. If you miss a test due to a documented emergency, your grade will be based entirely on your other score. A predictable absence such as travel counts as zero.

My office hours are MW 2:30-4:00pm or by appointment; your TA will have office hours as well. Many students find it more convenient to talk with me after class. My e-mail is cnelson@u. Free tutoring is offered by the Economics Dept. Undergraduate Board; visit them at <http://depts.washington.edu/ecnboard/>.

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Topic Outline and Test Schedule</u>
Jan. 4	No Lecture! Faculty recruiting in Atlanta.
6	<i>An Overview of Macroeconomics</i> , Chapter 1.
<u>Week 2</u>	
Jan. 11	<i>National Income</i> , Chapter 2.
13	Chapter 2 continued.
<u>Week 3</u>	
Jan. 18	M. L. King Holiday, no lecture.
20	<i>Savings and Investment</i> , Chapter 3.
<u>Week 4</u>	
Jan. 25	Chapter 3 continued.
27	<i>The Cost of Living &amp; Living with Inflation</i> , Chapter 4.
<u>Week 5</u>	
Feb. 1	Chapter 4 continued.
3	<i>Growth &amp; Recession in the US Economy</i> , Chapter 5.

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Week 6

Feb. 8                   **Test #1!!** It will cover the material through Feb 5, Chapters 1-5.  
                              Be sure to bring UW Scantron (purple) Answer Sheet and #2 pencil!  
                              10                   *Money, Banks, and the Federal Reserve*, Chapter 6.

Week 7

Feb 15                   Presidents' Holiday, no lecture.  
                              17                   *The Demand for Money*, Ch. 7.

Week 8

Feb 22                   *How the Fed Moves the Economy*; Chapter 8;  
                              24                   *Monetary Policy*, Chapter 9.

Week 9

March 1                   *Fiscal Policy: Government Spending and Taxation*, Chapter 10.  
                              3                   *Keynesian Fiscal Policy and the Multipliers*, Chapter 11.

Week 10

March 8                   Chapter 11 continued.  
                              10                   **Test #2.** It covers material through Mar. 8, Chaps 6-11.  
                              Bring UW Scantron (purple) Answer Sheet and #2 pencil!!

**How your Grade Point will be determined:** First, add up all the points you earned, then divide by the total points possible to get your fraction correct. Now put that fraction into this formula: Grade Point = (5.2)•(fraction correct minus 0.2), rounded to the next whole tenth. For example, .77 correct gives 2.964 and a Grade Point of 3.0, while a fraction of .96 is a GP of 4.0. Students whom their TA feels have made an exceptional contribution to classroom discussion may receive an additional 0.1 or 0.2 GP.

**How to find test answers on the web:** The first answer key will be at:  
<http://www.econ.washington.edu/user/cnelson/E201W10/KEY1.pdf>  
For the second test use KEY2. Case matters, so *please* check before emailing me.

This syllabus is subject to revision. To find the latest version please go to the 'STUDENT' web page above, or directly to:

<http://www.econ.washington.edu/user/cnelson/Syllabus.pdf>

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