

Exam Format

There will be three exams given during the semester and one final exam. Each exam will cover material presented in class, readings scheduled outside of class, and practice problems. The exam format will be provided in the class prior to a given exam. You should bring a simple, non-programmable calculator with you to each exam. Cell phones and PDA's cannot serve as a calculator. **The cumulative final is mandatory for all students and will be held in the regular classroom.**

Missed Exams

Absolutely NO makeup exams will be given. You are forewarned well in advance to properly schedule your time and make proper arrangements for any potential conflicts. You are expected to take all exams at the scheduled time in the course and section in which you are enrolled. If you arrive late to any exam, you will only be allowed to take the exam if no other students have left the exam. As mentioned earlier, there are 3 in-semester exams and a final exam. As a way to allow students to improve their exam grades as they demonstrate progress over the semester, your final exam will replace your lowest in-semester exam (assuming your final exam grade is higher). Thus, your final exam will at least be worth 20% of your grade and could potentially account for 40% of your final grade. This also means that if you miss an exam for any reason, documented or undocumented, and receive a zero, your final exam will replace the zero you received.

Aplia Assignments

Aplia assignments count towards a percentage of your grade. The due dates and assignments are all listed on the Aplia class site. It is your responsibility to check the Aplia site and keep up with these assignments. There will be 11 graded Aplia assignments, of which 9 will count towards your final grade. Thus, you are able to drop two assignments. There are also "practice" assignments for each chapter; they do not count towards your grade and are optional. All graded assignments are weighted equally.

In Class Problem Sets and Current Event Discussions

Through the semester, we will spend class time doing problems – together as a class, in small groups and individually. To complement and reinforce topics we cover in class, I will also occasionally post news articles on Aplia for discussion.

Attendance and Classroom Preparation

Attendance will be taken for my records. Although not a required part of your grade, this information may be used at the end of the semester for students who are borderline between grades. I also reserve the right to drop any student who misses more than 6 class meetings during the semester.

Academic Integrity

As a Francis Marion student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in the student handbook found at: <http://www.fmarion.edu/students/handbook>. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Questions related to course assignments and the academic honesty policy should be directed to the instructor. Violations of the policy will not be tolerated and will be punished to the highest degree.

Grading Scale (as a percentage of total points) Grades will be assigned according to the following scale. Plan accordingly to get the final grade you wish to receive.

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| A | = 90-100 | C+ | = 77-79 | D | = 60-66 |
| B+ | = 87-89 | C | = 70-76 | F | < 60 |
| B | = 80-86 | D+ | = 67-69 | | |

If you are not in class when an assignment is returned, then you will have to stop by during office hours to pick-up and/or review your assignment.

Disability and Health Related Issues

Students with a disability or health-related issues who need a classroom accommodation should make an appointment to see me or see me before or after class no later than 2 weeks prior to any situation in which you would like accommodations.

If You Need Help

If you find that you are having particular difficulty with any of the material in this course, do not let it build up. The material is cumulative in nature and you are likely to find yourself only falling further behind. A successful student will dedicate *at least* 3 hours outside of class for every hour in class. Please do not hesitate to email or come to office hours if you need assistance. Other resources and practice problems include Aplia homework assignments, formative tests, optional study guide and web quizzes available on the textbook's website. Study groups are another effective way to learn economics. Keep in mind the key to understanding economics is intuition, not memorization!

Calendar and Course Outline

Below is a rough course outline. You are expected to have all assigned readings completed before the material is presented. The entire chapter is to be read unless otherwise noted.

| Date | Subject |
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| January 11 | Introduction to Course, Aplia |
| January 13 | Chapter 3, Interdependence and the Gains from Trade |
| January 16 | No Classes – MLK Observed Holiday |
| January 18, 20 | Chapter 3, contd. |
| January 23, 25, 27 | Chapter 4, The Market Forces of Supply and Demand |
| January 30 | EXAM 1 |
| February 1, 3, 6 | Chapter 23, Measuring a Nation's Income |
| February 8, 10, 13 | Chapter 24, Measuring the Cost of Living |
| February 15, 17 | Chapter 25, Production and Growth |
| February 20, 22, 24 | Chapter 28, Unemployment |
| February 27 | EXAM 2 |
| March 1, 3, 6 | Chapter 29, The Monetary System |
| March 8, 10 | Chapter 30, Money Growth and Inflation |
| March 13-17 | No Classes – Spring Break |
| March 20, 22 | Chapter 30, contd. |
| March 24, 27, 29, 31 | Chapter 31, Open Economy Macro: Basic Concepts |
| April 3 | EXAM 3 |
| April 5, 7, 10, 12 | Chapter 32, A Macro Theory of the Open Economy |
| April 14, 17, 19, 21 | Chapter 33, Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply |
| April 24 | Final Exam Review/Catch-Up – Last Day of Class |
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| FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE* | |
| SECTION 4607 (9:30 am class) | Friday, April 28, 8:30 – 10:30 am |
| SECTION 6585 (12:30 pm class) | Thursday, April 27, 11:45 am – 1:45 pm |
| *You must take the final exam in the course section in which you are enrolled unless you receive prior permission from the instructor. | |

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced by the instructor may be necessary.

How to access your Aplia course

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Registration

1. Connect to <http://login.cengagebrain.com/course/2QP9-5972-LV2Z>
2. Follow the prompts to register for your Aplia course.

Payment

After registering for your course, you will need to pay for access using one of the options below:

Online: You can pay online using a credit or debit card, or PayPal.

Bookstore: You may be able to purchase access to Aplia at your bookstore. Check with the bookstore to find out what they offer for your course.

Free Trial: Your course enrollment includes a free trial period of up to two weeks. After the free trial ends you will be required to pay for access.

Please note: At the end of the free trial period, your course access will be suspended until your payment has been made. All your scores and course activity will be saved and will be available to you after you pay for access.

If you already registered an access code or bought Aplia online, the course key to register for this course is: **2QP9-5972-LV2Z**

System Check

To check whether your computer meets the requirements for using Aplia, go to <http://www.aplia.com/support/sysreq.jsp>