Western Kentucky University
ECON 203
Principles of Macroeconomics
Prof. Alex Lebedinsky

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Text: Principles of Macroeconomics by Gregory Mankiw

Course description: In this course, I will focus on developing the understanding of major indicators used to describe the state of the economy and how they are measured, economic equilibrium, interaction between private sector and government, role of government in stabilizing the economy, economic development and how economies interact in the global market. There will be a number of definitions to remember but keep in mind that understanding of the concepts is key to doing well in the class.

Grading:
Quizzes 70%
Final 30%

There will be twelve short in-class quizzes during the course. Quizzes will include multiple choice and problems requiring short answers. I will count only the 10 best performances on your quizzes. Final exam will be comprehensive, but with more emphasis on the second half of the course.

Withdrawals and Incompletes: The last day to withdraw from the class with “W” is October 13th. No “Incomplete” grade will be given solely due to poor performance – you will have to demonstrate (and document, if applicable) that there were unforeseeable circumstances that hindered your performance in the class. See Undergraduate Catalogue, p. 27 for rules and regulations.

Make-Up policy:
There will be no make-up quizzes.

Attendance:
I will not check attendance, except for the first two classes. Nevertheless, attendance is strongly encouraged. If you don’t attend and take quizzes, you will not pass the class. I reserve the right to drop a student from the course if he or she fails to show up at the first two classes or notify me in some other way of his/her intentions to take the course. This rule is consistent with university policies on attendance. I will enforce this rule only if there is a shortage of seats in the class.

Academic Honesty and Appropriate Behavior:
Students cheating on quizzes and exams will earn “0” and could be subject to a disciplinary action. See
Undergraduate Catalogue, p. 27 and p. 279 for rights and regulations on these issues.

Students are expected to behave in a way that does not interfere with the process of teaching and learning. Cell phones and pagers must be muted and may not be used during class.

**Students with Disabilities:**
"Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services, Room 445, Potter Hall. The OFSDS telephone number is (270) 745-5004 V/TDD. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services."

**Other:**
Things happen – if you are having problems, come talk to me as soon as possible, before the problems get out of hand.
If a class is cancelled, check your e-mail and/or the website for updates.
This syllabus represents a general guideline and I reserve the right to change the rules during the class to deal with special circumstances.