

Welcome to Macroeconomics (Econ 201A) Online

Section 31683

Dear Student,

Welcome to macroeconomics! My name is Elisa Queenan and I will be your instructor for Econ 201A. Make sure you read this page carefully and for further information see the syllabus and my instructors' web page.

Office Hours:

Due to the nature of distance education and the fact that I am off- campus, I will not have traditional office hours. I can be reached by email: elisa_queenan@cuesta.edu, prior to the beginning of class or phone 928-205-1750. After class begins it is best to email me within Blackboard, I check that email numerous times per day. I will make every attempt to respond to you within 24 hours

Book Requirements

The text required for this class is McConnell, Campbell R. and Stanley L. Brue. Macroeconomics" Principles, Problems and Policies, 18th ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2009.

ISBN: 0-07-336594-7

Price: \$128.95

Meetings: There are NO required meetings for this course.

Computer Requirements

Internet Connection: 56K Dial-up or faster (Broadband highly recommended)

To Do:

- 1) Read this page thoroughly.
- 2) Register for class AND update your email with Cuesta records. I will use the email on record to send important pre-semester messages. You do NOT need to email me prior to the start of the semester, unless you have an emergency which prevents you from starting on time.
- 3) Purchase text and other required books before the start of the semester, because you will need it the first week.

WebCT/Blackboard log in info:

WebCT CE 8 is the online software that will be used to manage this online course. If you used the previous version, this will look and work slightly differently. Blackboard has recently purchased WebCT, thus the interchanging of the names you'll see.

To Log In:

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- 1) Go to the main Cuesta College web page
- 2) Click the "distance education" link on the left.
- 3) Click on the "blackboard" button on the top right.
- 4) Now you are on the login page. Before actually logging in, thoroughly read the info about browser check, pop-ups, and java security on the right of the page.
- 5) Your user name (ID) is the first 2 letters of your first name, followed by the first 2 letters of your last name (all in CAPS), followed by the last 4 digits of your student ID (SS#). IMPORTANT: WebCT/Blackboard is very case sensitive. Be sure that you enter your user name and password in CAPITALS, without any spaces.
- 6) Your default password is STUDENT (in CAPS). You must change this once you are logged in.
- 7) If you are unsuccessful in your first attempt, try again, making sure you have followed instructions. For login problems contact Lee McCrea at 546-3100 x 2802 or email:lmccrea@cuesta.edu or the 24/7 Help Desk (Cuesta's WebCT/Blackboard) at 1-866-847-3251 or
- 8) Once logged in, you will see our course listed. Also, WebCT/Blackboard will ask you to do a check of several features (mentioned earlier). These might include a browser tune-up, enabling pop-ups and a java applet. Be sure to follow the steps and enable ALL of these, and any others it asks you to. Using the course site will be less frustrating if you follow these directions!!

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