COURSE: ECON 251 L1  
INSTRUCTOR: W. Wysocki  

Principles of Macroeconomics  

There are many benefits of online courses at MCCC:  
- Less restrictive scheduling  
- Convenience  
- Intensive self-study  
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week  

Some students struggle in an online format while other students excel. Students who excel in an online format are:  
- Highly self-motivated  
- Have strong computer skills  
- Possess good time management skills  
- Know how to study independently  
- Possess good communication skills  

Online classes at MCCC are **NOT self-paced**. Instruction is delivered in an entirely web-based format. Students must complete exams, assignments, etc. by specified due dates. Some exams and assignments may be required to be completed at an authorized location as established by the instructor.  

When taking an online class students are responsible for:  
- A reliable computer with Internet access and Microsoft Word; course specific software will be described below  
- Knowing how to email attachments  
- Maintaining his or her own computer and Internet connection; technical issues are **NOT** acceptable excuses for not keeping up with due dates  
- Having access to a printer if needed for personal use of online materials  

It is the student’s responsibility to log into Blackboard multiple times each week to keep up with communication, assignments and other coursework.  

**Blackboard**  
Online courses use Blackboard course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor.  

It is the student’s responsibility to be able to log into Blackboard and maintain his or her computer setup to work properly with Blackboard.  

The Blackboard Login can be found on the College’s webpage, [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu). Information on student usernames and passwords can be found on the Student Support tab on the Blackboard site.  

**Blackboard courses are made available to students on the day the course begins.** Please see the Start Date below.  

**MCCC Student Email**  
It is essential that online students use their MCCC student email account. This will be the primary means of email communication between you and your instructor. For more information about activating your MCCC student email account, visit the college’s webpage at [www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu).  

**NEED HELP?**  
**BLACKBOARD HELP DESK:** 734.384.4328  
or [elearning@monroeccc.edu](mailto:elearning@monroeccc.edu)  
**COLLEGE EMAIL:** 734-384-4328  
**WEBPAL:** 734-384-4333
| **Course Description** | This course is a survey of the economic system, including ideas relating to production, national income, national growth, money and banking, markets and prices and the distribution of income. This is a macro-economic course designed for both the student who needs one semester in economics and the student who will take further courses in the field.

The complete Outline of Instruction can be found at [http://www.monroeccc.edu/outlines/](http://www.monroeccc.edu/outlines/). |
| **Course Begins** | Wednesday, August 24, 2016 |
| **Course Ends** | Monday, December 12, 2016 |
| **Registration Process** | Students must register for the course through the College’s regular registration process.

If you are a first-time online student at MCCC you must complete an online orientation course (ONL-001). You will be automatically enrolled into the online orientation course, which will provide you with critical information on the technical, study, reading and writing skills necessary to be a successful online student. This course will be listed in your MyCourses module in Blackboard and there will be 4 modules to complete. Please note that all four modules will NOT be visible when you first login, but will become visible once you complete the requirements for each module. Please complete FL2016-ONL-001-L1 by August 24, 2016. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in de-registration from your fall 2016 online course. |
| **Proctored Exams or Assignments** | None, all coursework will be completed online. |
| **Additional Information: Proctored Exams or Assignments** | Some online classes require students to take exams at authorized, proctored locations. Test proctoring centers are authorized testing locations where a staff person administers a test or assignment. If students are not able to arrange transportation to MCCC’s main campus for testing, a proctored test site must be arranged. Students near the MCCC campus can take the test in the Regional Computer Technology Center (RCTC). Additional information on the RCTC can be found at [http://www.monroeccc.edu/rctc/index.htm](http://www.monroeccc.edu/rctc/index.htm). It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements for proctoring with his or her instructor. Students should also be aware that some testing sites have service fees, which are the responsibility of the student. |
### Course Materials and Textbook Information

Textbook information can be found on the MCCC Bookstore’s webpage, [http://www.monroeccc.edu/bookstore/](http://www.monroeccc.edu/bookstore/). Textbook information is posted approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure when identifying which course you are enrolled in, you get the materials for the ONLINE version of the course. Online course materials are not necessarily the same materials for the face-to-face class.

Please contact the MCCC Bookstore for additional information, 734.384.4140.

### Course Expectations

Learning activities will include textbook readings, web resources, assignments that will be submitted online, and online homework. The Blackboard course management system and email will be the primary tools for communication.

### Blackboard System Requirements

**Browser Requirements:**
- Mozilla Firefox 31 or higher (recommended browser for Blackboard)
- Google Chrome 36 or higher (recommended browser for Blackboard)
- Safari 6 or higher
- Internet Explorer 9 or higher (IE compatibility view settings will need to be adjusted for optimum Blackboard use)
- Edge 1 or higher (some limitations exist)

For the most current Blackboard operating system and browser requirements, please go to [http://www.monroeccc.edu/distancelearning/elearning_student.htm](http://www.monroeccc.edu/distancelearning/elearning_student.htm) and access the "Blackboard Browser Requirements" link.

**Software Requirements**
- Microsoft Word 2013 is recommended
- Microsoft Office Suite is recommended
- Adobe Reader 9.0 or higher

**Other System Requirements**
- High speed or broadband internet connection recommended
- Printer, video and sound cards
- CD-ROM drive

### Course Specific Software

No additional software is required

### Where Do Students Start

The instructor will email orientation materials to your MCCC Student Email account (see information above about activating your MCCC Student Email) on the first day of the semester to begin the course.

### Other Information

Obtain additional information about this course and its requirements by calling Professor Wysocki at 734.384.4294.

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