

ECON 110 Principles of Macroeconomics

Memo From: Mark Friedman, Instructor
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Welcome to **ECON 110 - Principles of Macroeconomics** – it will be my privilege to coordinate your learning activities for this course as your instructor.

Let's cover a few start-up details so your online learning through South Central Online is a rewarding experience. The course begins on January 9, 2017, and it is necessary that you begin participating at that time.

Here are some things I want you to know before we meet online.

Textbook information:

TITLE: *Macroeconomics*, Customized for South Central College
Author: McConnell, Brue, & Flynn
Publisher: McGraw-Hill Irwin
ISBN: 978-1-308-82130-6

NOTE: *This is a custom edition that can only be obtained from the South Central College Bookstore. Chapters that will not be used in our class have been removed to create a less expensive textbook*

Source: <http://www.southcentralbookstore.com>

Instructor contact information:

Throughout the semester, contact me privately using D2L Brightspace's mail feature that will send an e-mail to my South Central College e-mail account (Mark.Friedman@southcentral.edu). Use this same e-mail address if you need to contact me before the start of the semester. You may also contact me by phone at 507-389-7465 (office). I will try to answer all course e-mail quickly. However, I urge you not to save questions until Friday nights.

Other Supplies Needed:

- You will need access to a word processing program to complete some assignments in this course. Most popular word processing formats are supported.
- Some materials from the instructor will be given in PowerPoint (.ppt) format. If you do not have a PowerPoint application on your computer you may download a free open-source office software suit called Open Office at <http://www.openoffice.org/>. The presentation application will open PowerPoint files.

You need access to a computer to participate in this course. Your computer will need:

- access to a computer with an Internet connection
- current, supported web browser... Newest version of Firefox or Microsoft Internet Explorer 11.0
- check <http://online.southcentral.edu/students/skillsrequirements.html> for complete technology specs

Course access:

You will have Internet access to the course content through D2L Brightspace. Set your URL to <https://southcentral.ims.mnscu.edu> to Login and you'll reach the course information. Courses will be available January 9, 2017.

Your D2L Brightspace login information is based on your **MnSCU StarID**. To activate your StarID account visit <https://starid.mnscu.edu/>.

To access more information about South Central Online, go to <http://online.southcentral.edu/students>.

Again, WELCOME. I'll see you on the Web!