

# **BLENDED COURSE INFORMATION**

## Fall 2023 Semester

COURSE: ECON 251 B1

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Principles of Macroeconomics

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There are many benefits of **Blended** courses at MCCC:

- · Less restrictive scheduling
- Convenience
- Intensive self-study
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Since **Blended** courses require work on the computer using Brightspace, as well as classroom work, students should possess the following skills to be successful:

- > Highly self-motivated
- > Have strong computer skills
- > Possess good time management skills
- Know how to study independently
- > Possess good communication skills

**Blended classes at MCCC** deliver instruction in a web-based format, along with periodic face-to-face classes or virtual classes as established by the instructor.

When taking a **Blended** 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
- General Web Navigation, research and browser maintenance skills

It is essential to log into Brightspace regularly to keep up with communication and assignments.

## **Brightspace**

**Blended** courses use Brightspace course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor, along with periodic face-to-face or virtual class meetings as established by the instructor.

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

The Brightspace Login can be found on the College's webpage, <a href="https://www.monroeccc.edu">www.monroeccc.edu</a>.

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

### MCCC Student Email

All students are required to use their MCCC sponsored student email address. Information on the MCCC student email can be found on the Student Support tab on the Brightspace site.

### NEED HELP?

BRIGHTSPACE HELP DESK: 734.384.4328

or elearning@monroeccc.edu

*COLLEGE EMAIL*: 734-384-4328

*WEBPAL*: 734-384-4333

## 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 macroeconomics course designed for both the student who needs one semester Course in economics and the student who will take further courses in the field. DESCRIPTION The Course Outcome Summary can be found at https://www.monroeccc.edu/course-outcomes. Wednesday, August 23, 2023 **COURSE BEGINS** COURSE ENDS Monday, December 11, 2023 Students must register for the course through the College's regular registration process. If you are a first-time blended 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 REGISTRATION to be a successful blended student. This course will be listed in your PROCESS MyCourses module in Brightspace 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 FL2023-ONL-001-L1 by August 21, **2023**. Failure to complete the online orientation by the above date may result in de-registration from your Fall 2023 blended course. EXAMS OR Homework assignments will be completed in class and online. All exams will be completed online. ASSIGNMENTS MCCC students completing online quizzes/tests or other assessment ADDITIONAL activities from home or other remote locations may be required to INFORMATION: complete a room scan before the assessment activity. Students seeking an alternative to the pre-assessment room scan should contact MCCC EXAMS OR Student Services at 734.384.4255 for more information regarding on-ASSIGNMENTS campus assessment options. SCHEDULED Tuesdays - 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM - Room F-129 **MEETINGS** All required textbooks and/or access codes are available for purchase by the student at the MCCC/eCampus Online Bookstore website: https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/. Sign in using your MCCC student email and password. Course MATERIALS All required course supplies are available for purchase by the student at AND TEXTBOOK the Campus Store or on the Campus Store website: INFORMATION https://bookstore.monroeccc.edu/ Textbook information is available for viewing approximately one month

prior to the beginning of the semester at

https://monroeccc.ecampus.com/. IMPORTANT: Please ensure you are

logging in and using the "Shop by Schedule" option to view and purchase only those materials assigned to your specific course(s).

Please contact the MCCC Campus Store 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 Brightspace course management system and email will be the primary tools for communication.

\*\*Research suggests that students should spend approximately 3 hours outside of regular in-class or online instruction, per credit hour, per week (e.g., 3 credit hour course + 9 hours studying per week outside of class time = 12 total hours per week), studying in order to be successful in their college courses.

### **Browser Requirements:**

## **Desktop Computers**

Brightspace is supported on the following desktop platforms with the **latest browser versions:** 

Platform	Apple® Safari®	Google® Chrome™	Microsoft ® Edge	Mozilla® Firefox®
Apple® Mac OS®	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Microsoft® Windows®	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

# BRIGHTSPACE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

#### **Tablets and Mobile Devices**

Brightspace is supported on the following tablets and mobile devices with the **latest browser versions:** 

Platform	Apple® Safari®	Google® Chrome™	Microsoft® Edge	Mozilla® Firefox®
Apple® iOS® for iPhone® and iPad®	Yes	No	No	No
Android™ OS for Android phones and tablets	No	Yes	No	No

For the most current Brightspace operating system and browser requirements, please go to

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser support.htm?Highlight=browser and access the Desktop support section.

### **Software Requirements**

Download/access web-based Microsoft Office applications:

- 1. Go to www.monroeccc.edu and click CURRENT STUDENTS
- 2. Next click on EMAIL from the list of links on the left, it will open another window
- 3. Click EMAIL LOGIN, then log in with your entire MCCC email address (e.g., <a href="mailto:tperson23456@my.monroeccc.edu">tperson23456@my.monroeccc.edu</a>) and your email password, which initially is your seven-digit student ID#.
- 4. Click on the **9-dot square** in the upper left corner next to the word "Outlook", some Office Suite icons appear
- 5. Click on the **Office 365 with an arrow** link, more Office Suite icons appear
- 6. Finally, click on the **Install Office link** and follow the instructions \*NOTE there are links in the instructions if you have difficulties installing the software. Please use those links to resolve any possible installation issues.

FYI - You will not be able to download Microsoft Office until the first day of the semester.

## **Other System Recommendations**

- Broadband internet connection
- Webcam

# COMPUTER REOUIREMENTS

PC or Mac computer systems with Windows 10 (or Mac equivalent OS) is required.

**Chromebook Use Limitations:** Chromebooks cannot be used for courses requiring Microsoft Office applications (e.g., CIS 130, CIS 109, etc.). Additionally, Chromebooks do not work when taking quizzes requiring *Respondus Lockdown browser in Brightspace*.

**Mac Computer Use Limitations**: The Microsoft Access application does not work on a Mac.

# COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE

Access code for Pearson MyLab interactive learning program 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

# STUDENT LOGIN INFORMATION

To login to **Brightspace, E-mail, or WebPal**, go to <u>www.monroeccc.edu</u> and click on CURRENT STUDENTS on the menu bar, then click on Brightspace, email, or WebPal from the links that appear on the left side of the screen.

**Brightspace** - Login to Brightspace using your unique MCCC WebPal username (i.e., the first part of your MCCC email address) and 7-digit student ID number for your password (or whatever password you use for your MCCC college email account). You should be able to access Brightspace 24 hours after registering for a course. Courses are not available in Brightspace until the first day of the semester.

**E-mail** - Your email address is your MyWebPal user name followed by @my.monroeccc.edu (i.e. <u>jsmith12345@my.monroeccc.edu</u>). Your password is your seven-digit student ID number (including leading zeros).

**WebPal** - You need a WebPAL user ID and a password to access WebPAL. Your WebPAL user ID is usually your first initial and last name (i.e. Mary Smith = msmith). To find your user ID, click on "What's My User ID?" on the WebPAL home page. Your initial password is your six-digit birthdate (i.e. January 1, 1970 = 010170). After logging on the first time, WebPAL will ask you to change your password. If you are a returning student and can't remember your password, click on "What's My Password?" on the WebPAL home page, then choose "Reset my password." If you have an e-mail address on file, WebPAL will send you a new password.

Trained student tutors and faculty specialists work with students both individually and in small study groups. Student tutors are students who are proficient in the courses they tutor and are recommended by their instructors. Faculty specialists have credentials that are similar to those of our faculty, and many have experience teaching at MCCC or other colleges or universities. In general, faculty specialists have years of experience helping students succeed.

# TUTORING INFORMATION

Students who utilize tutoring services at MCCC can expect to gain a better understanding of questions and/or concerns they have about their coursework, suggestions for improvement, study strategies, insight into instructor expectations and the understanding of how to link new material with what they already know.

Tutoring is normally provided by appointment. Walk-ins are accepted, but immediate tutoring is often unavailable. To make an appointment on the Main Campus, call the Student Success Center at (734) 384-4167 or visit the center in person located in the Student Success Center, Founders Hall, Room F-148. Students can also make an appointment online at <a href="https://tutor.monroeccc.edu/TracWeb40/Default.html">https://tutor.monroeccc.edu/TracWeb40/Default.html</a>