

Macroeconomics II

Knowledge Assessment Rules in the academic year 2019-2020

1. Knowledge assessment in the Macroeconomics II Course is governed by the General Knowledge Assessment Regulation (RGAC) in force at ISEG and the specific rules described in this document.

2. Ways of assessing knowledge

2.1. Knowledge assessment in the Macroeconomics II course unit includes the "Assessment throughout the Semester" (ALS) regime, as a normal modality and recommended to students who attend it. This modality guarantees access to the normal exam period, provided the minimum requirements described below are met.

2.2. The alternative to assessment throughout the semester (ALS) is to take a final written exam in the Appeal Season, to which all students enrolled in this course have access.

3. Assessment of knowledge in Normal Season

3.1. The assessment of knowledge in Normal Season consists of:

a) evaluation component throughout the semester (ALS) and

b) individual written test of the Final Exam (PEF),

the classification obtained being the weighted average of these two evaluation components, where ALS represents 60% and PEF represents 40%. The grade of the ALS component will only be considered in the calculation of the final grade if it serves to improve the student's final situation, according to paragraph 8 of article 2 of the RGAC.

3.2. Only the tests carried out by the students in the classes and in the shifts in which they are enrolled will be considered, for the purposes of assessment throughout the semester (ALS).

3.3. The evaluation component throughout the semester (ALS) consists of three parts, with the following weightings:

a) interim test (IT), 40%;

b) answers to two theoretical questions in theoretical classes (QT), 20%;

c) participation in the discussion of two themes and writing two short essays on these themes in practical classes (EP), 40%.

3.4. Participation in Normal Season (and, therefore, access to the final written test in Normal Season) requires compliance with the following requirements:

a) performance of the interim test with a score of not less than 7 values (TI);

b) delivery of at least one answer to the theoretical question (QT);

c) delivery of at least one short essay in the practical class (EP).

If these requirements are not met, the student does not have access to the written test in Normal Season. If you do not comply with these rules, you can only take the written test in Season of Appeal.

3.5. In the normal exam in continuous evaluation, it is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 7 points. If you do not obtain it, you must take the Final Exam in the Appeal Season.

3.6. Is approved the student who, on the scale (0 - 20), obtains the minimum classification of 9.5 values, according to the rules described in 3.1 and 3.5, or, in the case of a student with worker status, according to the rules described in 3.7.

3.7. Students with official worker-student (TE) status with the Licenciaturas Department have slightly different rules. Like this:

a) In order to obtain an evaluation mark throughout the semester (ALS) and, therefore, to have access to the final written exam in Normal Season, students with worker-student status are exempted from the other requirements but must have completed the interim test (TI).

b) In this case, the weightings described in 3.1 are not applicable here. The final grade in Normal Season is calculated by assigning a weight of 25% to the interim test (TI), provided that you have obtained at least 7 values in that test, and a weight of 75% to the individual written test of the final exam (PEF). In the case of not having done this midterm test, a TE student can only present himself to the final exam of the Season of Appeal.

c) In the calculation of the classification, the grade of the interim test will only count if the student's classification improves, under the conditions referred to in b); if this is not the case, the final grade will be the classification obtained in the final exam.

4. Theoretical questions (QT)

4.1. Throughout the semester there will be an opportunity to answer two theoretical questions, presented by surprise in each theoretical shift.

4.2. The classifications attributed to the theoretical question (QT) will be given in five levels: Excellent (20), Good (15), Sufficient (10), Insufficient (5) and Poor (0).

4.3. This question focuses on the subject taught in the four previous theoretical classes in that shift and the corresponding mandatory bibliography. It will be presented by surprise, during a theoretical class, with a maximum time of 20 minutes for response.

4.4. The question will be original, individually answered, open, and the answer will be limited to a standardized space, being allowed to consult all materials on paper. The use of any electronic device is not permitted.

5. Short essays and their discussion in the practical class

5.1. In two practical classes, the teacher will present a topic for discussion, after which students must prepare a short essay within one week.

5.2. The ratings assigned to these tests will range from 0 to 20.

6. Interim Test (TI)

6.1. The interim test is individual and without consultation (although it allows to use a form with the size of an A4 page, written by the student in the maximum space of one page, with all the formula needed for exercises).

6.2. The subject eligible for this test will be announced in due course on the page of the course and will also be communicated by the teachers.

6.3. This test lasts for 1.5 hours and consists of open-ended questions.

6.4. In the interim test, only the use of calculators that perform elementary mathematical operations is allowed, and the use of any other electronic device is not allowed.

6.5. The student who does not obtain up to 7 values in the IT is excluded from the continuous assessment and can take the appeal exam.

7. Final Written Exam (PEF) in Normal Season

7.1. The final written test in normal season consists of open-ended questions. It is an individual test, original and without consultation (although allowing to use a form with the size of an A4 page, written by the student, with the required formula) with a duration of 2:00 hours.

7.2. In the final written test in normal season only the use of calculators that perform elementary mathematical operations is allowed, and the use of any other electronic device is not allowed.

8. Assessment of knowledge in the Appeal Season

8.1. Access to a final written test to be carried out during the Season of Appeal is the alternative to the recommended assessment regime (ALS).

8.2. All students enrolled in the curricular unit (UC) have access to this evaluation period. Thus, the final written test in Season of Appeal may be attended by students who have not obtained approval in Normal Season, for any of the following reasons:

(i) for failing the Normal Season test, even if the minimum requirements of ALS are met;

(ii) for not having met the minimum requirements of ALS;

(iii) for having met the minimum requirements of ALS but not reaching a minimum score of 7 values in the written test of the normal season;

(iv) for not reaching a final grade in normal season equal to or greater than 9.5 values.

8.3. The evaluation of the appeal period consists of a final written test, individual, original and without consultation (although allowing the use of the form with the size of an A4 page, written by the student, with all required formula).

8.4. The final written test during the appeal period lasts up to 2h 30m and consists of open-ended questions.

8.5. In the final written test at the time of appeal, only the use of calculators that perform elementary mathematical operations is allowed, and the use of any other electronic device is not allowed.

8.6. Students who have successfully completed the course in one of the previous three periods, wish to make a Grade Improvement, have to do a specific registration at the Secretariat.

9. Fraud

Fraud in the assessment of knowledge is regulated by Art. 12th of the RGAC.