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Office Hours:

Lectures:

Attendance of the first two classes is mandatory, and non-attendance may result in being administratively dropped from the course.

In some cases lecture will extend beyond the content of the textbook, so it is strongly encouraged you attend lecture. My lecture notes will not be available, so if you do miss a class you should plan on getting notes from a classmate. Lectures are intended to cover material from the book and connect the concepts to real world examples, providing additional in class practice when appropriate.

Grade Policy: There will be 4 components to your final grade.

Class participation 10%

Exam 1 25% Thursday, September 29th

Exam 2 25% Thursday, November 10th

Final Exam 40% See exam schedule on mycuinfo

Exams:

The exams will not be cumulative beyond the cumulative nature of the material. I do not give make-up exams nor do I give exams early. Any unexcused absence on an exam day will result in a zero for that exam. If you do have a valid emergency which precludes you from taking the exams on the given date, please communicate any conflicts with exam dates as soon as possible; you will find instructors are more flexible when you do not wait until the last minute to deal with conflicts. Finally, no cell phone calculators are permitted for exams. Please bring a basic calculator or be prepared to do calculations with pen and paper.

If you have three or more final exams scheduled on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the last exam or exams scheduled on that day. Also, if you have two final exams scheduled to meet at the same time you are entitled to arrange an alternative examination time for the later course. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have three or more exams on the same day or two exams meeting at the same time, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the late drop deadline.

Homework:

Over the semester there will be various problem sets posted on the course website, they are optional and does not count towards your grade. However, the exams will be heavily inspired from problems set questions. This should provide additional incentive for you to attempt them.

Problem Sets: As we progress through the semester I will post problem sets on the course website. They are intended to apply the theory and concepts from the textbook and lecture and help prepare you for the exams. I encourage you to work in small groups on these assignments. Since the exams are created with similar questions, problem set solutions will not be posted prior to the exam covering that material. However, I would be happy to go over the solutions to problems sets at any point during office hours.

Tentative Course Outline:

Exam dates are firm. Topic coverage is subject to change.

Week	Topic	Chapter(s)
Week 1	Intro to Macro	1, 2, & 3
Week 2	Production & Growth	4
Week 3	Solow	5
Week 4	Romer	6
Week 5	Labor	7
Week 6	Inflation	8
Week 7	The Short Run & The IS Curve	9, 11
Week 8	Monetary Policy & The Phillips Curve	12
Week 9	AS-AD Model	13
Week 10	The Great Recession	10, 14
Week 11	Open Economies	18, 19
Week 12	Consumption	16
Week 13	Investment	17
Week 14	NO CLASS FALL BREAK	
Week 15	Exchange Rates and International Finance	20
Week 16	Wrap-up, Extra Office Hours	
Final	See mycuinfo for time and location	

Exam Dates:

- Exam 1 Sep. 29 Week 6
- Exam 2 Nov. 10 Week 12
- Final exam

Office Hours:

These are for your benefit, please take advantage of them. It is an excellent opportunity to get individual or small group help to clarify concepts from class. If my office hours do not work for you due to another class or work, please email me and we can arrange a time to meet.

Email:

Please use email wisely. I will do my best to respond to emails in a timely fashion, usually less than 24 hours- I will not respond out of regular business hours (M-F 8-5). If your question has to do with clarification, it may be difficult to explain fully over email, so I will suggest coming to office hours. If I feel the entire class could benefit from the clarification, I will do so in lecture. Finally, I will not answer emails which ask something administrative which is included on the syllabus, i.e. when is the exam?

Extra Help:

Do not hesitate to come to my office during office hours or by appointment to discuss a homework problem or any aspect of the course. You also may want to consider the free tutoring lab

University Policies:

Disability Policy

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit a letter from Disability Services to me in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard