

In order to help prepare for exams and solidify concepts from class, a number of resources are available.

- 1) The course webpage <http://ucsu.colorado.edu/~billinsb> has a set of review problems by economic topic and also has answers to these problems. Students are encouraged to work on these problems and check them at their own pace. We will not go over them in class.
- 2) Before each exam, I will provide an exam problem set that will closely resemble the exam in terms of material and types of questions. Students are expected to go through these questions on their own and we will go over them in the class session before the exam.
- 3) The Krugman and Wells textbook Microeconomics has a number of online problems and a review of different concepts that are helpful for topics that students are having trouble grasping. You will need to register as a student on the website for access to this material. The website is <http://bcs.worthpublishers.com/krugmanwellsmacro/default.asp?s=&n=&i=&v=&o=&ns=0&uid=0&rau=0>

Grading: Your course grade will be based on three exams, your recitation grade, class participation, and an investment assignment. Exam dates are listed below. The breakdown of grades is as follows: 20% for each of three exams and recitation, 20% for Participation/Attendance, 20% for the Investment Assignment. To make this add up to 100%, I'll automatically drop the lowest of the three Exam scores or your recitation score. .

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

93.00 – 100.0 % ... A
90.00 – 92.99 % ... A-
88.00 – 89.99 % ... B+
83.00 – 87.99 % ... B
80.00 – 82.99 % ... B-
78.00 – 79.99 % ... C+
73.00 – 77.99 % ... C
70.00 – 72.99 % ... C-
68.00 – 69.99 % ... D+
63.00 – 67.99 % ... D
60.00 – 62.99 % ... D-
59.99 – 0.00 % ... F

Investment Assignment: One ongoing assignment for this class is a simulated market experiment in investment. This is probably one of the most practical assignments you will do in an economics class and the concepts you learn about stocks, mutual funds, bonds will be useful to you when you have jobs and money to invest/save. Spending time to research and think about this assignment will be well worth the time and helpful to your future financial security. I will go into details about this assignment in class and give you handouts that will explain everything. You will have to turn in weekly assignments to be graded and they will all be averaged together for 20% of your final grade. The top performers in this assignment will be eligible for extra credit

Make-Up Examinations: The three exams will take place during regular class time in the regular class room on the dates listed below. The multiple-choice portion of the exams will be graded by Scantron, so be sure to remember a #2 pencil. You'll probably also want to bring a calculator (no cell phone calculators). The format of questions will be multiple choice and short answers. Exam questions will be based on material covered in the book and/or in lecture. A majority of the questions will test your memory and understanding of the definitions and concepts covered, and a minority of the questions will test your ability to synthesize the material and apply the concepts in a new context. I'll talk more about each exam as the exam date approaches.

