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Economics 1B: Elements of Economics

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You are welcome to send me e-mail for questions and comments, but e-mail has to be sent from your personal account with your full name in the e-mail.

Course Description

This course will focus on many of the important macroeconomic issues confronting our society today, such as, unemployment, inflation, fiscal and monetary policy ... etc. This course will also introduce you to some of the basic analytical tools of economics (for example, graphical analysis).

Texts

Economics Today: The Macro View by Roger LeRoy Miller, 2001-2002 edition.
Wall Street Journal

Requirements

	Weights	Date and Time
Exam #1	20%	Monday, April 23 , in class
Exam #2	22%	Friday, May 18, in class
Final Exam	40%	Thursday, June 14, 8:00-11:00
Problem Sets	18%	6% each

Exams

All exams will be CLOSED book. Students who show up more than 15 minutes late for an exam or 30 minutes late for the final exam will not be allowed to take the exam. All grading problems must be reported to the appropriate TA(s) by a WRITTEN request within a week from the time an exam is returned. No re-grade will be allowed after a week, NO EXCEPTION!! We will re-evaluate the whole paper when you request for re-grade. No re-grading of exams will be allowed if they were written in pencil. If you write in pencil, however, you can pick up the exam from the TA in his/her office, check the grading immediately, and take care of complaints before leaving the office.

Due to the size of our class, NO makeup exams will be allowed. Exams #1 and #2 have to be taken on the days specified in the table above. The final exam CANNOT be taken EARLY, NO EXCEPTION.

Cheating = failure + note to Dean.

Problem Sets

There will be three problem sets during this quarter. They will be posted on the course web page. They are extremely useful for reviewing the course and preparing for the exams. Joint work and free discussion are strongly encouraged, but each student needs to submit his/her own paper. LATE PAPER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you miss any of the problem set, the weights of the missing problem set will be moved to the exam. For example, if you missed the first homework, the weights will be moved to Exam #1; if you missed the second homework, the weights will be moved to Exam #2, ... etc.

Teaching Assistants and Discussion Sections

Each week, there will be several sections, in which TA's will go through selected problems, which are not available in class but they are very important for you to prepare the exams. The TA's will also occasionally give supplementary lectures during these sections. You are strongly urged to attend. You are welcome to attend any session and you can attend as many as you wish.

The sections will start on the second week (week of 4/9).

Important Information

Any change about the syllabus will be announced in class and/or posted on the web page. You should check the course web page at regular basis (at least three times a week) through out the quarter in order to obtain the updated information for this course. FAILING TO DO THAT MAY BE DISASTROUS BECAUSE YOU WILL MISS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Classroom Etiquette

1. Please arrive class on time and stay till the end of a class meeting to avoid disturbing the class.
2. Please turn off the sound on cell phones and pagers to avoid disturbing the class.
3. Please wait until the end of class to pack up books and papers to avoid disturbing the class.
4. Please do not talk during the lectures to avoid disturbing the class.

Tips for Success

There are seven tips that you can follow to help you succeed in this course and earn a better grade. They are:

1. **Attend Class:** It is a known scientific fact that attendance helps students succeed. You may also find it useful in clarifying many of the concepts presented in the text.
2. **Create or Join a Study Group:** A study group is an excellent way to help you study for the class and possibility earns a higher grade.
3. **Ask Questions:** If you have questions or difficulties, be sure to ask for help. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask questions in class or in the office hours. More often than not, many other students have the same questions as you. By asking question, you can become a class hero. You can also see me in my office hours to ask questions or get some extra help.
4. **Read Your Text Book and Study:** To get the most value from the class lectures, read the text before attending class, and then your notes and reread the text after the class. You should plan on spending AT LEAST 6 HOURS each week reading and studying.
5. **Buy a Couple of Note Taking Tools:** In class, we will be drawing many graphs, so color pencils (or pens) will help.
6. **Enjoy the Learning Experience:** Learning involves work and is sometimes difficult, but it is also satisfying and fun. Just remember, after this class you will know more economic that 75% of the people in the United States. So enjoy the class and wish you a successful quarter.