

**Economics 171:**  
**Decisions under Uncertainty**  
**Syllabus**  
Marshall Spring 2003

**Lectures:** Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 PM – 6:20 PM, York 2622.

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**Text:** D.V. Lindley: **Making Decisions, Second Edition**, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1985.

**Grading:** Problems (20 %), midterm examination (25 %), final (55 %). The final is cumulative. Ordinarily in my courses scores of 95% and above are A's; 90 to 95 are A-'s; 85 to 90 are B+'s; and so on. The standard may be a little more lenient in practice, but there is no curve.

**Schedule**

Tuesday, 4-1 first class  
Tuesday, 4-8 first home work due  
Tuesday, 4-15 second home work due  
Tuesday, 4-22 third home work due  
Tuesday, 4-29 MIDTERM  
Tuesday, 5-6 fourth home work due  
Tuesday, 5-13 fifth home work due  
Tuesday, 5-20 sixth home work due, QUIZ  
Tuesday, 5-27 seventh home work due  
Tuesday, 6-3 eighth home work due

Wednesday, 6-11, 7:00 PM -10:00 PM: FINAL EXAM (cumulative)