Intermediate Macroeconomics
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Oak 317

Academic Dishonesty Policy: Do not cheat.

Course Grading Summary
10% per 5 quizzes, dropping one (40% total)
30% for presentation consisting of:
-10% for quality of data sources
-10% for economic theory used in argument
-10% for quality of presentation
30% for cumulative final exam

The 5 quizzes will cover class lectures, posted assignments, and in-class presentations. Homework is optional but can help on exams. Attendance is optional. Participation is optional. However, getting a good grade is also optional. Students may use handwritten notes in a 100 page notebook on quizzes and exams. I will periodically post current events articles to huskyCT. These are testable material.

Presentation will be entail a 3 person group speaking for 6-8 minutes each on a specific contentious economic topic. Students will likely have to make arguments they do not personally believe in. We will start these after the 5th quiz. Dates and topics will be chosen the class after the 5th quiz. Students may bring printouts, use whiteboard, projector, etc. They will turn in 2-4 pages of an annotated bibliography summarizing any data used and citing sources. They will be graded on quality of sources, viability of economic theory, and verve of presentation. Presentations are testable material.

Makeups: Known conflicts with final exam or quizzes can be resolved if the student takes the test before the scheduled time. There are no make-up tests given except for in very exceptional circumstances such as a death in the family. This circumstance must be verified by a non-family member (such as a doctor). I must be informed before the test. Rescheduling of a final exam due to a conflict or bunched finals must be done through the Office of Student Advocacy.  Further information can be found at the following link under Finals Rescheduling Information: <http://www.ossa.uconn.edu/>

Office Hours: MoWeFr 10:15AM - 11:15AM and by appointment. I can often be free after class times to meet and discuss questions and concerns.

Textbook is 6th ed. Macroeconomics by Blanchard. It is optional, but I have picked out some problems that will be similar to ones on quizzes. I will not post answers, but will be available during office hours to assist, as well as potentially going over especially important problems in class. Some students will need this textbook to do well; others can get by using the internet. I leave it up to you.

Jan 19: Reading: Ch 2-3

Jan 25: Reading: Ch 4-5

Problems: Ch 2 Problems 1 and 4, Ch 3 Problems 2 and 3

Jan 29: Quiz 1 (Ch 2-3)

Feb 1: Reading: Ch 6

Problems: Ch 4 P1-5

Feb 8: Reading: Ch 7-8

Problems: Ch 5 Questions 2 and 3

Feb 19: Quiz 2 (Ch 4-5)

Feb 22: Reading: Ch 10-11

Problems: Ch 7 P2, Ch 8 P 3 and 5a+b

Feb 29: Read Ch 12-13

Problems: Ch 10, P 3; Ch 11 P 7

Mar 7: Read 18-19

Problems: Ch 12, P 6 and 8

Mar 11: Quiz 3 (Ch 7-11)

Mar 21: Read 20-21

Problems: Ch 13 P 2 and 6

Mar 25: Quiz 4 (Ch 12-13)

Mar 28: Read 22-23

Apr 4: Read 24-25

Apr 8: Quiz 5 (Ch 18-22)

Apr 15: Presentations begin

Apr 29: Last day of classes, Final Review Session