

Syllabus

Teaching Assistant:

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Teaching assistants will hold office hours in the Econ Help Room, located in 178 Heady Hall. Questions regarding grading of exams and other basic administrative issues should be taken up with your TA.

Class Homepage: <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ102/Bishnu>

Probably the best way to make general course related inquiries (e.g. about dates and places of exams, grades, etc...) is by email. For help with course material, a face to face meeting (either with me or with the T.A) is usually more effective than an email exchange. My official office hour is on Friday from 10-12 am. But you are welcome anytime while I am in office. It would be nice to write me a mail before come to my office.

Required Textbook:

Macroeconomics Principles and Applications, by Robert E. Hall and Marc Lieberman, 2006

Lectures will be based (sometimes loosely) on topics from the text, but you will need to demonstrate understanding of material presented both in class and in the text.

Special Accommodations:

If you have a documented disability that requires special academic accommodations, you will need to go to the Disability Resource (DR) Office for coordination of your academic accommodations. Please request that a Disability Resources staff send a SAAR form verifying your disability and specifying the accommodations you will need. This should be done at the beginning of the semester.

Evaluation:

Students are responsible for the material covered in the assigned chapters of the textbook as well as the material covered in class.

Evaluation will be based on the completion of regular homework assignments (that I will distribute time to time) and three exams. The homework will constitute 20% of the final grade. The first two midterms will make up 50% of the grade (each is weighted equally). Final exam has 30% weight.

Exams:

The midterm exams are a mix of multiple choice questions and short problems. The tentative dates are: Tuesday, May 30th, Thurs. June. 15th and the final exam will be on the last day of the class. All exams will take place in the regular classroom unless otherwise announced (in class or on the course website).

Missed Assignments and Tests:

If you miss a test for a valid reason, you should let me know as soon as possible to ensure that we can make any necessary accommodations to prevent you from being unduly harmed (grade wise). If possible, you should warn me **in advance** that you will have to miss class in these situations.

Basically, a valid reason for missing a test or assignment is either a medical emergency, a family emergency or a university related activity (e.g. athletic competitions). If you miss a test for one of these reasons, you should let me know as soon as possible. In general you will be required to provide some documentation (e.g. doctor's note, letter from your coach). In the case that you miss a test due to a family emergency, I will accept an email from either your academic advisor or the Dean of Students Office as documentation.

If you miss a test, you will have to re-write it. I usually schedule a make up exam for some time the week after the original test date. Sometimes it is a little later, depending on how long it takes to figure out how many people need to re-write.

Notes on Classroom Etiquette:

We must all work together to make sure the in-class environment is an enjoyable experience for all and is conducive to learning. As a general principle, be considerate of those around you. In particular, here are a few "Do's" and "Don'ts":

1. Do not read newspapers during class. This is inconsiderate to both the students around you and your instructor. Besides, reading the letters to the editor in the Iowa State Daily may raise your blood pressure, reduce your IQ, or both.
2. Do not start gathering up your materials, stand up, etc. before the lecture is completely over. You may think you can do this very quietly, but several individuals doing this collectively results in a lot of distracting noise that may delay the end of a lecture. However, if you feel like standing up to applaud your instructor for a job well done, that would be acceptable.
3. Do not talk with fellow students during lecture. Again, if many students do this, the collective result is a lot of distracting noise. Lectures by your instructor will be the only distracting noise allowed in class.
4. Do sit near the door if you must leave class early and Do let your instructor know this before the start of class. However, if a lecture is making you so nauseous that you feel you are going to toss your cookies, feel free to leave early regardless of where you are sitting.
5. Do bring, within reason, any food or caffeine-laced beverages to help keep you awake during class. Feel free to share anything particularly food with your instructor.
6. Do feel free to ask questions during class, unless it appears the instructor doesn't even know what he's talking about.