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Prerequisite: Economics 162 (grade of C or better), Calculus. Calculus will be used in the class.

Text: N. Gregory Mankiw, *Macroeconomics*, any recent edition (9th, 10th or 11th). Other readings posted on my website.

Description of course: causes of recessions and inflation, long-term economic growth.

Requirements:

Two midterm examinations).

Final exam (comprehensive).

Problem sets. Whether or not you get answers right on problem sets will not affect your course grade, but you must do *all* of the assigned problem sets and hand them in on time or I will reduce your course grade by one letter grade.

What happens if I miss an exam?

All exams are required. **If you miss an exam, you fail the course**, unless you have a valid excuse. Of course, a university-related activity such as a university team athletic competition, with the usual documentation, is a valid excuse. Any other excuse also requires documentation. For example, a funeral for a close family member must be documented by an obituary or service bulletin; a traffic accident must be documented by a copy of a police ticket; a car breakdown must be documented by a towing or repair bill; illness must be documented by proof of a visit to a medical practitioner; and so on.

I do not give make-up exams under any circumstances. If you must miss an exam due to a university-related activity, you must take the exam before you leave town. If you miss an exam for another reason with a valid excuse, your course grade will be based on your other exams and problem sets with no penalty.

Grading:

Final grades for the course will be 25% first midterm, 25% second midterm, 50% final except that your letter grade will be reduced by one letter if you fail to turn in all of the problem sets on time. I grade "on a curve." The final distribution of grades will match the average for all Economics 360 and 362 classes taught at Binghamton in recent years, which is:

14% D's and F's 32% C's 35% B's 19% A's

Disability-related Equal Access Accommodations – If you need accommodations to ensure your equitable access and participation in this course, you must notify me with an Academic Accommodation Authorization from Binghamton University's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office in the first week of class or as soon as your accommodations are granted. Visit the SSD website (www.binghamton.edu/ssd) for more detailed information. The office is located in University Union, 119.

Extra time on examinations: If you qualify for extra time and want to use it on exams, tell me you will want extra time at least three days *before each exam* so that I can make the necessary arrangements with the Testing Center.

Final exams and final exam conflicts:

The Fall calendar includes a fall break from October 2nd – 6th. There is also a break for Thanksgiving November 27 - December 1st. Add/Drop ends Tuesday September 3rd. Please refer to the academic calendar for details. On Tuesday October 8th, Friday classes will meet (not Tuesday's). On Tuesday November 26th Friday classes will meet instead of Tuesday classes.

The date for the make up final exams in Economics will be determined after the final exam schedule is released. All officially scheduled final exams for Fall 2024 will be linked from the BU Brain. **YOU MUST CHECK FOR CONFLICTS.** If a conflict exists you may request a make-up exam from the instructor of ANY of the conflicting courses. The larger classes typically give make-ups rather than the smaller classes. If you request a make-up exam for an economics course, a google form to request the make-up exam will be available from the economics department via the listserv or your instructor after the final exam schedule is released – ask the instructor.

It is the student's responsibility to learn from the instructor if the request has been approved. Only students who are approved may take a make up final exam. Students who have not requested a make-up exam in an economics course by the advertised deadline will be required to resolve conflicting exams with the instructor in one of their other courses.

Make up exams are approved **ONLY** for the following conditions:

Conflicts with the **OFFICIAL** final exam schedule such as –

Two exams at the exact same time or more than two exams that begin within a 24 period.

DOCUMENTED personal illness or family emergency.

Other information

Students in this course are expected to observe the [Student Academic Honesty Code](#) and should make sure they become familiar with its provisions. Violations of the code, for example, cheating on exams, will be prosecuted as specified in the Code.

If you are experiencing undue personal or academic stress at any time during the semester or need to talk with someone about a personal problem or situation, I encourage you to seek support as soon as possible. I am available to talk with you about stresses related to your work in my class. Additionally, I can assist you in reaching out to any one of a wide range of campus resources, including:

- Dean of Students Office: 607-777-2804
- Decker Student Health Services Center: 607-777-2221
- University Police: On campus emergency, 911
- University Counseling Center: 607-777-2772
- Interpersonal Violence Prevention: 607-777-3062
- Harpur Advising: 607-777-6305
- Office of International Student & Scholar Services: 607-777-2510
- Ombudsman: Main campus 607-777-2388; University Downtown Center office 607-777-2388
- Services for Students with Disabilities: 607-777-2686 (Voice, TTY)

Students in this course will demonstrate

1. Knowledge of major concepts, models, and issues (and their interrelationships) of at least one of the social sciences: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, or sociology.
2. An understanding of the methods used by social scientists to explore social phenomena, including, when appropriate to the discipline, observation, hypothesis development, measurement and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and analysis by mathematics or other interpretive frameworks.