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First midterm: Wednesday September 16th 9:40-10:40 am

Second midterm: Friday October 9th 9:40-10:40 am

Places to be announced. The exams will NOT take place in the regular classroom.

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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 (8th, 9th or 10th). Other readings posted on my website.

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

Requirements:

Two midterm examinations (in-person).

Final exam (in-person, comprehensive).

Short paper due after final (online) week of course.

Problem sets. Your grades on problem sets will not affect your course grade, but you must do them *all* and hand them in on time or I will reduce your course grade by one letter grade.

Grading:

Final grades for the course will be 25% first midterm, 25% second midterm, 45% final and 5% short paper, 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 362 classes taught at Binghamton in recent years, which is:

10% D's and F's 30% C's 41% B's 19% A's

Alternative assessment mechanism for students unable to take in-person exams:

For students unable to take in-person exams, the two midterms and final will be replaced by alternative assessment mechanisms, perhaps including oral examinations over Zoom and/or short (5 pages or so) papers. Grades on these alternative assessments will be weighted like the other students' written examinations.

What if the university shuts down before the end of the semester?

If the university shuts down in-person classes during the semester, course content will be delivered online. Exams which have already been given will enter into the determination of your course grade with the weight specified above. Exams which have not yet been given will be cancelled and replaced with other forms of assessment.

Extra time on examinations: If you qualify for extra time, show me a letter from the disabilities office at the beginning of the course and tell me you will want extra time *before each exam* so that I can make the necessary arrangements. If you need accommodations to ensure your equitable access and participation in this course, you should notify me with an Academic Accommodation Authorization from Binghamton University's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office as soon as you are aware of your need for such arrangements. Please visit the SSD website (www.binghamton.edu/ssd) for more detailed information. The office is located in University Union 119.

Final exams and final exam conflicts: Students should not make any travel plans to leave Broome County until after the Thanksgiving break begins on November 25th. There will be several exam windows within the semester: September 14-18, October 5-9, and October 26-30. There is also another official exam window right before Thanksgiving between November 22-24. After Thanksgiving break the remainder of the semester will be distance learning only. There is a final examination period at the end of the semester from December 8th-10th. Any exams given during that time will be online only. If you have in-person exams during the mid-term exam window, November 22-24th, and leave Binghamton before the exam, you will NOT be any accommodated under any circumstances. The desire to leave early does not qualify you for an early make-up exam. If you are not present to take the regular final or the scheduled make-up exam, then the missed final exam will count as an F towards your course grade.

ALL make up final exams in Economics will be given Friday, December 11th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00AM. All officially scheduled final exams for Fall 2020 will be linked from the BU Brain on September 8th. 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 Sara Grills or your instructor after the add/drop deadline – ask the instructor. Students MUST make their request for a make-up exam in economics NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, November 6th.

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 November 6th 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.

Coronavirus-related statements: Binghamton University has adopted requirements to protect the health of us all. You have acknowledged a statement of Rights and Responsibilities for the semester. I will enforce those requirements in this course.

You must wear a mask *at all times* in the classroom building. A "face shield" is no substitute. If I see you without a mask you must leave the room for the remainder of that day's class.

If you attempt to sit too close to another person, you must leave the room for the remainder of that class *and* you will not be allowed to attend class on your next scheduled day.

If you attempt to attend class on a day when you are not scheduled to do so on the "student rotation" model, you must leave the room for the remainder of that class *and* you will not be allowed to attend class on your next scheduled day. If you try this more than once I will inform the Dean's office. The Dean's office will work with the Student Records office to issue a failing grade ("F") for the course regardless of when in the semester the incident occurs. The Dean's office will also inform the Office of Student Conduct. The Office of Student Conduct may recommend dismissal from the University.

If you disobey me when I attempt to enforce these rules I will immediately cancel the remainder of the class session and inform the Dean's office of your disobedience. The Dean's office will work with the Student Records office to give you a failing grade ("F") for the course regardless of when in the semester the incident occurs. The dean's office will also inform the Office of Student Conduct. If your refusal to comply is a second offence, the Office of Student Conduct may recommend your dismissal from the University.

If the rules for health and safety measures change, I will enforce the new requirements.

If you become ill or are asked to go into quarantine/isolation, you must notify me immediately by email and you will not be allowed to attend class in person.

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.

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.