COURSE INFORMATION

Instructors and Office Hours

Professor Irving Morrissett is responsible for the class. He will be assisted by Ms. Soheila Kahkachan, a doctoral student in economics.

Regular office hours will be held as follows, in Economics Building 202:

Professor Morrissett: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ms. Kahkachan: To be announced

In addition, appointments at other times can be made with Professor Morrissett and Ms. Kahkachan. Professor Morrissett's telephone number is 492-8154 or 492-6770. In addition to his office at 202 Economics Building, he has an office at 855 Broadway.

Texts

These books are required:


Assignments

Topics and assignments are given on a separate sheet.

It is up to individual students whether they study the text before or after the day on which the assignment is made. Lectures will stay pretty close to the topic and chapter content assigned for each day.

Class Procedures

Regular classes will run from 2:00 to 3:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Hellems 199. These periods will consist mostly of lectures, with some time for class questions and discussion. In addition, students are encouraged to make use, singly or in small groups, of the office hours of the professor and the teaching assistant.

Very early in the semester, students will be assigned to weekly one-hour recitation sections.

Attendance

Students are required to attend the regular class periods and the recitation sections. Excessive absences will result in a lower course grade than the grade earned by the examination points explained below. (Exception: The attendance is waived for students who earn an A average on examinations.)

Examinations

Examinations will be given as set out in the schedule of Topics and Assignments.

Each of the five one-hour examinations will be graded on the basis of 100 points. A typical examination will be structured as follows:
10 true-false questions taken from the Coursebook.  
10 multiple choice questions taken from the Coursebook.  
Your own explanation of why you answered one or two of the true-false questions as you did.  
Your own explanation of why you answered one or two of the multiple choice questions as you did.  
A problem or problems very similar to problems given in the Coursebook.  

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(Note that pages xi-xii of the Coursebook show how chapter numbers in the Coursebook are related to chapter numbers in the text. The Coursebook is made for the hardbound text that contains both macro and micro sections.)

Grading

Of the five examinations, each counting 100 points, the lowest score on the first four (not including the fifth, comprehensive, examination) will be dropped and the remaining four examinations will be totaled to determine the final grade. All students must take the fifth, comprehensive, examination. Final grades will be determined as follows:

- A - 360-400 points
- B - 320-359 points
- C - 280-319 points
- D - 240-279 points
- F - below 240 points

There will be no makeups of examinations. If you miss one exam, that will be the grade that is dropped. If you miss more than one exam, or miss the fifth exam, it is unlikely that you will pass the course.

Students sometimes feel that an examination is graded too low. (They seldom complain that an exam is graded too high.) If a student wishes to have an examination grade reconsidered, he or she may write a note to Professor Morrissett explaining why the grade seems too low. This should be done soon after the exam is returned to you. Professor Morrissett will regrade the entire exam, which could result in a lower grade as well as in a higher grade or no change. No student may use this procedure more than once during the session.

Course grades will be posted outside the Economics Department office and on the front door at 855 Broadway, no later than Tuesday, May 18. Students who wish to have their final exam and course grades mailed to them should leave a stamped, addressed postcard or envelope with Ms. Kahkachan or Professor Morrissett before the semester ends. Graded papers for exams four and five may be picked up during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, at 855 Broadway, any time before November 1, 1982. Students who have reason to question their course grade should address a note to Professor Morrissett, indicating reasons for questioning the grade and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for a reply.

Cheating

College students have been known to cheat on examinations. Any cheating that is discovered will be dealt with unsympathetically.

You should not only avoid cheating, you should also avoid the appearance of cheating.

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