COURSE INFORMATION

Fall 1986

Professor Morrissett
Economic 201-100

Instructor and Office Hours. Professor Irving Morrissett is responsible for the class. He is assisted by Ms. Lila Denton, a graduate student in economics. Regular office hours will be held as follows, in Economics Building 202:

Professor Morrissett: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 3:00-4:00
Ms. Denton: Tuesday, Thursday, 1:30-3:00

In addition, appointments may be made at other times with Professor Morrissett and Ms. Denton. Professor Morrissett may be called at 492-6770 or 444-1198.

Gilley, Student Learning Guide to Accompany Miller.
World Development Report 1986, selected tables

Assignments are given on a separate sheet. Students are expected to read each daily assignment before class. Lectures and recitations will stay pretty close to the topic and chapter content assigned for each day.

Materials. Students should bring to each session of class and recitation a supply of 8 1/2 x 11 lined paper (not torn from a ring binder) and 1/4" x 1/4" graph paper. A small ruler would also be useful.

Class Procedures. Regular classes will run from 2:00 to 2:50, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, in Geology 201. These periods will consist of lecture, class work, discussion, and questions. In addition, students are encouraged to make use, singly and in small groups, of the office hours of the professor and the teaching assistant.

Recitation assignments have been made for all students as follows:

Tue. 5:00-5:50 Econ. 2 Wed. 11:00-11:50 Econ. 2 Fri. 1:00-1:50 Econ. 2
Wed. 8:00-8:50 Econ. 119 Fri. 12:00-12:50 Econ. 2

Recitations will be held each week, with the exceptions of the weeks of September 1 and November 24.

Semester Reports. Procedures have been described on a separate sheet, H-2. Note particularly the opportunity to receive a critique on your report and the deadline of December 10 for submission of your completed report.

Attendance at classes and recitations is expected. Students are responsible for class work and for any information or announcements made in class or in recitations which might relate to course content or to course procedures.

Examinations will be given as set out in the schedule of Topics and Assignments, H-1. There are three midterms and a final, which will be comprehensive. Examinations will consist of multiple-choice questions and explanations of answers given to some of the multiple-choice questions.
Grading. Each of the three midterm examinations will be graded on the basis of 100 points. All students must take the final exam, which will count for 200 points. If an exam is missed, a grade will be assigned equal to the lowest value of the other two exams or one-half the value of the final exam. If more than one exam is missed, it will not be possible to pass the course. Student participation, as judged by participation in class and recitation, and especially with respect to written materials, will count substantially in the final grade. Note: participation is not possible without attendance.

Total points to determine final grades are:

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Incompletes are seldom given in this course, and only for exceptional reasons. The most likely stipulation to make up an incomplete is to retake the course.

If a student has a compelling reason for missing the final examination an excuse, if given at all, must be obtained before the exam. If an alternative time is to be used as the result of having three or more examinations in one day, University rules require that such notification be given to the professor no later than the sixth week of the semester, the end of the drop period, along with evidence that the student has three or more examinations on that day.

Students sometimes feel that an examination has been graded too low. If a student wishes to have an examination grade reconsidered, he or she may write a request to Professor Morrissett explaining why the grade seems to be too low. This should be done soon after the exam is returned to the student. The request will be considered only if there is evidence that the student has made an effort to determine why a higher grade was not received. If the request is accepted, Professor Morrissett will regrade the entire exam, which may result in a lower grade as well as in a higher grade or no change.

Course grades will be posted outside the Economics Department office as soon as possible after the final exam. Students who wish to have their final exam and/or course grade mailed to them should leave a stamped, addressed postcard or envelope with Professor Morrissett before the semester ends. Graded papers for the final exam may be picked up any time during the spring semester, at Professor Morrissett's office, during posted office hours. Students who have reason to question their course grade should address a note to Professor Morrissett, before February 1, 1987, 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 and otherwise. Cheating includes plagiarism. Any cheating that is discovered will be dealt with unsympathetically.

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

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H-2

This report will compare the economies of two other countries with the
economy of the United States. The purpose is to give perspective on the U. S.
economy that would not be gained by studying the U. S. economy alone, also to
learn something about the economies of other countries.

You should select two other countries, by reference to Table 1 of World
Development Report 1986. One country should be selected from the group of
countries that had per capita gross domestic product of less than $1,000 in
1984; the other should be selected from the "Upper Middle-Income" or "Industrial
Market Economies" groups. Do not select a country for which many of the
economic data are missing, as shown in the other tables of the World Development
Report.

Your report on the other countries should consist of comparisons with the
U. S. economy on the economic dimensions that we study throughout this course,
such as various measures of welfare, the structure of production, the structure
of demand, the role of government, and international trade. You could make two-
way comparisons of each of the other countries with the U. S., or make three-way
comparisons.

Your report should be from 10 to 12 typewritten double-spaced pages, or the
equivalent, with normal margins. In no case may it be longer than 12 pages.

The basic data you have to work with will be the tables in the World Devel-
opment Report. Your report should not, however, consist of mere statistical
comparisons. The statistics should be used to show a life-like picture of three
economies and their comparisons with each other. Useful material on most coun-
tries can be found in these two excellent supplementary sources:

Britannica World Data
Ref. AE 5 E364 1986

Europa Year Book, 1959-86
Ref. JN 1 E85

Reading assignments during the first few weeks of the course are light. You
would do well to get started on your report early in the semester.

If you wish to receive a critique of your report, with the prospect of
improving it and your grade on it, you may submit it no later than 4:00 p.m. on
Friday, November 21. It will then be returned to you shortly after the Thanks-
giving holiday. In any case, the finished report is due no later than 4:00 p.m.
on Wed., Dec. 12. A report submitted after that time will have a reduction of
10 percent of the grade for each day or fraction of a day that it is late.

You must cite all sources used. Direct quotations must be identified; para-
phrasing must be acknowledged. Failure to make appropriate acknowledgements
constitutes plagiarism, a form of cheating.