Grading policy: Four quizzes (about forty minutes each) are scheduled as indicated below; the worst of these will be discarded in calculating your term grade (except if the worst is better percentage-wise than your final exam). Each quiz counts 14.3% of your term grade; the final exam will count 57% (unless it is worse than your worst quiz, in which case final counts 43%). The policy of discarding the lowest quiz grade is adopted to make it unnecessary to provide make-ups for students who must miss a scheduled quiz. Be sure you understand this policy: THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES, so if you decide to skip one "because the lowest score is discarded anyway" you are gambling that you will not be forced to miss a subsequent one for any reason. If you are forced to miss the final exam because you are hospitalized or incarcerated I will arrange a make-up final if your prior work has been satisfactory in my judgment.

Students enrolling in 569 should arrange for extra work in accord with their interests.

Date | Chapter | Topic
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Jan 15 | 1 | Overview of course
20-22 | 2 | Review of some relevant econ theory
27-29 | 4 | Overview of U.S. antitrust policy
Feb 3-5 | 5 | Sherman Act section #2 - monopolizing
THURSDAY, FEB 5 | | QUIZ on Ch 1,2,4,5
Feb 10-12 | 6 | Merger law
17-19 | 7 | Sherman Act section #1 - collusion
24-26 | 8 | The Robinson-Patman mess (price discrimination)
Mar 3-5 | 9 | Evaluation of U.S. antitrust policy
THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | | QUIZ on Ch 6-9
Mar 10-12 | 10 | Economic regulation as an alternative to competition - overview
17-19 | 11 | Regulatory agencies and their procedures
Mar 31-Apr 2 | 12 | Case study - electricity
TUESDAY, APRIL 2 | | QUIZ on Ch 10-12
Apr 7-9 | 13 | Case study - telecommunications
14-16 | 14 | Case studies - natural gas, airlines
21-23 | 15 | Evaluation of economic regulation
THURSDAY, APRIL 23 | | QUIZ on Ch 13-15
28-30 | 19 | Government enterprise
May 4 | | Review
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 11:30AM | FINAL EXAM