
Recommended: Study Guide for required text
The Wall Street Journal
Real World Applications - Wall Street Journal Workbook

Course Objective:

This course will familiarize students with the vocabulary and graphical tools of economists. We will focus on the economic issues of inflation, unemployment, changing interest rates, the federal budget deficit and trade deficits. We will explore the principles underlying these issues and will discuss various policy prescriptions that have been proposed for dealing with them.

Grading:

A total of 400 points is possible.

75% of your grade will be based on your best 3 scores on 3 midterm exams and an optional cumulative final. Each exam will be worth 100 points. Of the four exams, only the three highest scores will count. This means that if a student is content with his/her grade after the third midterm exam, the cumulative final need not be taken. This also means that NO make-up exams will be given. A missed exam will be recorded as a zero, and simply dropped as the lowest exam score.

25% of your grade will be based on your performance in recitation. 100 points are possible, made up of quiz scores, homework assignments, and attendance. Please bring one article (newspaper or magazine) pertaining to economics to recitation each week.

Exam Dates:

Midterm 1 - (in class) February 14
Midterm 2 - (in class) March 21
Midterm 3 - (in class) April 30
Final Exam - Monday, May 13
7:30 am - 10:30 am
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