Principles of Macroeconomics - Syllabus

Textbook:
- Study Guide for Baumol & Blinder (Craig Swan, 7th Edition - Optional)
- Economic Report of the President - February 1996 (Council of Economic Advisors - Optional)

Important Dates for Econ 2020 - Summer 1997
- 7/8 (Tuesday) - 1st Day of Class - Intro to the Website
- 7/9 (Wednesday) - Recitations begin meeting
- 7/11 (Friday) - E-mail for extra credit due by midnight - See Below!
- 7/14-15 (Mon,Tue) - Homework #1 Due in Recitation
- 7/16-17 (Wed, Thur) - Quiz #1 in Recitation
- 7/21-22 (Mon,Tue) - Homework #2 Due in Recitation
- 7/24 (Thursday) - Exam #1 - in class - Ch. 1 - 9 on reading list
- 7/28-29 (Mon,Tue) - Homework #3 Due in Recitation
- 7/30/31 (Wed, Thur) - Quiz #2 in Recitation
- 8/4-5 (Mon, Tue) - Homework #4 Due in Recitation
- 8/6 (Wednesday) - Day off to Study for Final
- 8/7 (Thursday) - Final Exam - Ch 9 to end of class

Grading Policy:
- 150 pts. - EXAM1
- 150 pts. - EXAM2
- 100 pts. - Recitation
- 400 pts. - Total

During the course, there will be two exams. The first exam covers chapters 1-9 on the reading list, and the second exam covers chapters 9 to the end of the class. The second exam is NOT cumulative.

Your recitation grade will be made up of 4 homeworks and 2 quizzes. Each homework is worth 15 points (60 total) and each quiz is worth 20 points (40 total). There are NO makeup assignments given.

*** 20 extra credit points will be awarded to everyone who sends Dave e-mail by Friday, July 11th, at 11:59:59.99 PM. Details will be given during class. Your message must include your name, CUID# and your e-mail address. If you don't know all this information...see Dave or your TA the first day of class.***

Principles of Macroeconomics - Reading List

This is a topic list, in the order we'll be covering them. In parentheses, I have put the approximate date when each topic will be started. These are not exact dates, but should help you if you're trying to read ahead in the textbook.

I. Introduction to economics and economic problems.
   - Read B&B Ch. 1-3 - (Wed 7/9)
II. Demand and Supply
   - Read B&B Ch. 4 - (Fri 7/11)
III. The Realm of Macroeconomics
   - Read B&B Ch. 5 - (Mon 7/14)
IV. Unemployment and Inflation
   - Read B&B Ch. 6 - (Tue 7/15)
V. Income, Spending and National Income Accounting
   - Read B&B Ch. 7 - (Wed 7/16)
VI. Demand Side Equilibrium: Unemployment or Inflation?
   - Read B&B Ch. 8 - (Thur 7/17)
VII. Aggregate Demand and the Keynesian Multiplier
   - Read B&B Ch. 9 - (Mon 7/21)
VIII. Supply Side Equilibrium: Unemployment AND Inflation
   - Read B&B Ch. 10 - (Wed 7/23)
IX. Managing Aggregate Demand: Fiscal Policy
-----Read B&B Ch. 11 - (Fri 7/25)
X. Money and Banking
-----Read B&B Ch. 12 - (Tue 7/29)
XI. Monetary Policy and Macroeconomics
-----Read B&B Ch. 13-14 - (Wed 7/30)
XII. Budget Deficits and the National Debt: Fact and Fiction
-----Read B&B Ch. 15 - (Fri 8/1)
XIII. The Tradeoff Between Inflation and Unemployment
-----Read B&B Ch. 16 - (Mon 8/4)
XIV. The International Monetary System and International Finance
-----Read B&B Ch. 18 - (Tue 8/5)

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