Econ 2020 Syllabus and Reading List

Textbook:
- Study Guide for Baumol & Blinder (Craig Swan, 7th Edition - Optional)
- Economic Report of the President - February 1997 (Council of Economic Advisors - Optional)

Important Dates for Econ 2020 - Fall 1997
- 8/25 (Monday) - 1st Day of Class - Intro to the Website
- 9/1 (Monday) - No class! - Labor Day
- 9/2 (Tuesday) - Recitations begin meeting
- 9/5 (Friday) - E-mail for extra credit is due by midnight - See Below!
- 9/26 (Friday) - Exam #1 - in class - Ch. 1 - 6 on reading list - Study all old "exams#1" for this exam
- 10/29 (Wednesday) - Exam #2 - in class - Ch. 7 - 11 on reading list - Study all old "exams#2" for this exam
- 11/27-28 (Thursday, Friday) - No class for Thanksgiving
- 12/10 (Wednesday) - Last day of class and recitation
- 12/18 (Thursday) - Cumulative Final Exam

Grading Policy:
- 100 pts. - EXAM1
- 100 pts. - EXAM2
- 100 pts. - Recitation
- 200 pts. - Final Exam
- 500 pts. - Total

During the course, there will be three exams. The first exam covers chapters 1-6 on the reading list, and the second exam covers chapters 7-11. The first two exams are NOT cumulative. The final exam is cumulative.

Your recitation grade will be made up of 4 homeworks and 4 quizzes. Each homework is worth 10 points (40 total) and each quiz is worth 15 points (60 total). There are no makeup assignments given, and no late work will be accepted for credit.

***10 extra credit points will be awarded to everyone who sends Dave e-mail by Friday, Sept. 5th, at 11:59:59.99 PM. Details will be given during class. Your message must include your name, CUID# and your e-mail address. The subject of your e-mail should say "Econ2020". If you don't know all this information, or how to send e-mail...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 8/27)
II. Demand and Supply:
   —Read B&B Ch. 4 - (Mon 9/8)
III. The Realm of Macroeconomics
    —Read B&B Ch. 5 - (Mon 9/15)
IV. Unemployment and Inflation
    —Read B&B Ch. 6 - (Fri 9/19)
V. Income, Spending and National Income Accounting
    —Read B&B Ch. 7 - (Mon 9/29)
VI. Demand Side Equilibrium: Unemployment or Inflation?
    —Read B&B Ch. 8 - (Fri 10/3)
VII. Aggregate Demand and the Keynesian Multiplier
     —Read B&B Ch. 9 - (Wed 10/8)
VIII. Supply Side Equilibrium: Unemployment AND Inflation
     —Read B&B Ch. 10 - (Wed 10/15)
IX. Managing Aggregate Demand: Fiscal Policy
     —Read B&B Ch. 11 - (Wed 10/22)
X. Money and Banking
    —Read B&B Ch. 12 - (Fri 10/31)
XI. Monetary Policy and Macroeconomics
    —Read B&B Ch. 13-14 - (Mon 11/3)
XII. Budget Deficits and the National Debt: Fact and Fiction
   —Read B&B Ch. 15 - (Wed 11/12)
XIII. The Tradeoff Between Inflation and Unemployment
   —Read B&B Ch. 16 - (Wed 11/19)
XIV. International Trade
   —Read B&B Ch. 17 - (Mon 11/24)
XV. The International Monetary System and International Finance
   —Read B&B Ch. 18 - (Wed 11/26)
XVI. The World Economy
   —Read B&B Ch. 19 - (Fri 12/5)
XVII. Productivity & Growth
   —Read B&B Ch. 20 - (Mon 12/8)