Spring 1998 Econ 2020-100 - Prof. David Carr

Principles of Macroeconomics - Syllabus

Textbook:

- Economic Report of the President - February 1997 (Council of Economic Advisors - Optional & available for free on the web)

Important Dates for Econ 2020-100 - Spring 1998

- 1/12 (Mon) - 1st Day of Class - Intro to the Website
- 1/19 (Mon) - No class! - MLK Holiday
- 1/20 (Tues) - Recitations begin meeting
- 2/20 (Fri) - Exam #1 - (IN CLASS) - Ch. 1 - 6 on reading list - Study all old "exams#1" for this exam
- 3/23-27 (All Week) - No class for Spring Break
- 4/3 (Fri) - Exam #2 - (IN CLASS) - Ch. 7 - 11 on reading list - Study all old "exams#2" for this exam
- 5/4 (Monday) - Last day of class and recitation
- 5/9 (Saturday - 7:30-10:30 PM) - Cumulative Final Exam in Chem140 - Study ALL old exams for this exam

Grading Policy:

- 100 pts. - EXAM 1
- 100 pts. - EXAM 2
- 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. Each of the first two exams will contain 40 multiple choice questions, and the final will contain 100 multiple choice questions.

Your recitation grade will be made up of homeworks and quizzes, as decided by the TA's, and will total 100 points, or 1/5 of your final grade. There are NO makeup assignments given, and NO late work will be accepted for credit. All quizzes MUST be taken in your regularly scheduled recitation. If you miss your recitation the week of a quiz, it cannot be made up.

***If you bring a PRINTED (NOT COPIED) syllabus (for this course) to your FIRST RECITATION, your TA will give you 5 bonus points towards your recitation grade. Therefore, while your recitation grade is 100 total points, you might earn as much as 105 points. You MUST have YOUR OWN syllabus (you cannot share), and these points will ONLY be given during the FIRST recitation meeting (so between 1/20-1/23 or 1/26).

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 1/14)
II. Demand and Supply.
-----Read B&B Ch. 4 - (Wed 1/28)
III. The Realm of Macroeconomics
-----Read B&B Ch. 5 - (Fri 2/6)
IV. Unemployment and Inflation
-----Read B&B Ch. 6 - (Fri 2/13)
V. Income, Spending and National Income Accounting
-----Read B&B Ch. 7 - (Mon 2/23)
VI. Demand Side Equilibrium: Unemployment or Inflation?
-----Read B&B Ch. 8 - (Mon 3/2)
VII. Aggregate Demand and the Keynesian Multiplier
-----Read B&B Ch. 9 - (Fri 3/6)
VIII. Supply Side Equilibrium: Unemployment AND Inflation
-----Read B&B Ch. 10 - (Fri 3/13)
IX. Managing Aggregate Demand: Fiscal Policy
-----Read B&B Ch. 11 - (Wed 3/18)
X. Money and Banking
-----Read B&B Ch. 12 - (Mon 4/6)
XI. Monetary Policy and Macroeconomics
-----Read B&B Ch. 13-14 - (Wed 4/8)
XII. Budget Deficits and the National Debt: Fact and Fiction
-----Read B&B Ch. 15 - (Wed 4/15)
XIII. The Tradeoff Between Inflation and Unemployment
-----Read B&B Ch. 16 - (Mon 4/20)
XIV. International Trade
-----Read B&B Ch. 17 - (Fri 4/24)
XV. The International Monetary System and International Finance
-----Read B&B Ch. 18 - (Mon 4/27)
XVI. The World Economy
-----Read B&B Ch. 19 - (Fri 5/1)
XVII. Productivity & Growth
-----Read B&B Ch. 20 - (Mon 5/4)