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Course Outline for ECO 325F

Lectures and Tutorials:

Tuesdays 1-4 in SS2110

The first 2 hours will be used for Lecture and the following hour will occasionally be used for a tutorial. Details on when tutorials will be held will be announced in class.

Office Hours:

Prof. Alexopoulos Tuesday 11-12 am Max Gluskin House, Room 205
T.A. Times and location to be announced

Required Textbook:

Advanced Macroeconomics by David Romer third edition.
The book can be purchased at the University of Toronto bookstore.

Grading Scheme:

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Max(Term 40% & Exam 60%, Term 60% & Exam 40%)

The term grade will be determined by one midterm, given during class time, and will be scheduled for October 26, 2010 from 1-3pm. The midterm will be held in the usual classroom. The grade will be handed back in time for the drop date November 3, 2010.

The examination will be given during the normal examination period.

Outline:

This course is designed for majors and specialists in economics who wish to prepare for graduate work in economics and /or expand their understanding of modern macroeconomics theory. During this half course students will develop analytical skills in solving and constructing macroeconomic models. The advanced topics covered will include topics such as: growth theory and the Solow growth model, theories of consumption, investment and savings, general equilibrium models, and business cycles theory.

Policy on Illness and Make-up Midterm

If a student is ill for the midterm examination, the student must follow the new procedures of the Department of Economics and the University. There are two steps that must be completed. First, a student who misses the test must provide me with a copy of a University of Toronto Medical certificate stating the nature of the illness and the fact that the individual was too ill to write an examination. A copy of this certificate is available from your college registrars, health services or on the following website:

<http://www.healthservice.utoronto.ca/pdfs/medcert.htm>

The completed form must be delivered to me no later than 7 days after the midterm is written according to the University rules.

Second, the student must record his/her absence due to illness on ROSI. Failure to complete these two steps will render the student ineligible to write the makeup exam.

Once the doctor's certificate is delivered and proof of ROSI reporting is established, students will be eligible to write the make-up midterm (the date and place of the make-up midterm is TBA).

It is important to understand that the make-up midterm will not be graded prior to the drop date. Therefore, students writing the make-up test will not be able to drop the course without academic penalty if they do not perform well.

If a student is ill for both the regular and the make-up midterms, the final exam will determine 100% of the final course grade.

Accessibility

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca or <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility>.

Notification of Class or Office Hour Cancellations

Each day before class check the class page from the link on my website at www.chass.utoronto.ca/~malex to see if class or office hours are cancelled due to illness.

Rescheduling of Class or Office hours

In the event I am ill, I will attempt to have a guest lecturer take the class, and will make alternate arrangements for office hours. However, if no alternate lecturer can be found for class, the material will be presented during the tutorial hour of the course time slot.

Missed Lecture Notes

To help ensure that you are kept up to date in the even of illness, each of you should identify one or two peer contacts in the course and obtain their email addresses or phone numbers. I hope that you will support each other (e.g. by communicating class announcements, sharing notes) in the event of absences but, in the end, it is the responsibility of the absent student to request such favours ahead of the missed class and to arrange for convenient means of obtaining the relevant information from contacts. If anyone does not wish to share this responsibility, they should refrain from sharing their contact information with their classmates.

When giving lectures, I handwrite the notes on overheads or on a tablet computer. These notes will be available to students who are ill or who missed something during class. However, if overheads are borrowed, please make sure to return them so that others can use them.

Academic Disruption

In the event that the Vice-President and Provost, or the Academic Board, declares an Academic Disruption of the academic program and changes to the grading scheme become necessary, the University's procedures outlined by the Governing Council will be implemented.

Medical Certificates

If a pandemic emerges and ill students are asked by authorities not to seek medical unless their illness is particularly severe, I will waive the requirement of a medical certificate for the regular midterm. Instead, students will be required to produce officially approved documentation as outlined by any institutional policy issued by the Provost's Office.

Peer Contacts telephone and e-mail information
