**MPH Syllabi: Macroeconomics Fall 2018**

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**My view on Economics**

At the most basic level, Economics is a framework to make decisions. How you use your time, money, and resources are economic decisions. Whether you decide with intention, or not, you are making economic decisions. Sometimes these decisions are personal and made by individuals; other decisions are public and made by many. In macroeconomics, we will examine forces that affect individual choices and how these factors shape our communities from neighborhoods to countries. Much of my professional experience has involved providing quality economic data to public decision makers to ensure government makes smart investments with their limited resources.

**When do we meet?**

Day 2 - 1:45pm to 3:05pm

Day 4 - 8:10am to 9:30am

Day 6 - 9:45am to 11:05am

**Instructor Office Hours**

Day 4 – 9:30am to 10:30am

And by appointment as needed

**Grades Per Quarter**

* 20% Quizzes (4-6)
* 20% Tests (1)
* 20% Projects (1)
* 20% Homework (10)
* 20% Attendance and Participation (present, prepared, and participating)

**Quiz and Test Corrections**

Quiz and test corrections will be accepted for one week from the day that graded quizzes and tests are returned to students. Complete and correct responses must be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the original quiz or test when resubmitted. The instructor reserves the right to reject corrections that are not thoughtful, organized, and presentable. Corrections can restore up to half credit. For example, if a student gets a 70 out of 100 then thoughtful and complete corrections would raise the grade to 85 out of 100. Corrections will not be accepted for bonus quizzes.

**Projects**

Project details will be clarified as the semester progresses. All projects aim to demonstrate a firm grasp of concepts covered by the course. They may have individual and group components. Each project will include multiple grades. For instance, there will likely be a first draft grade, a final draft grade, and a presentation grade.

**Homework**

There will be approximately 10 homework grades a quarter. Homework may be collected or may simply be checked as complete at the beginning of a class. The expectation is that students complete all homework in order to be prepared for quizzes and tests. If a student is absent the homework can be turned in the next class the student is present. Otherwise homework will not be accepted late. There will be two bonus homework assignments each quarter to help students who for some reason miss homework. Additionally, the book is required reading. I expect students to read chapters to prepare for class. It is roughly 10 pages of reading prep for each class.

**Attendance and Participation**

Half of the 20 points for attendance and participation will be based on attendance. If you come to class every day, you will receive 100 percent of the points; if you come 80 percent of the time, you will receive 80 percent of the points, and so on. In the event of a long-term absence, please contact me to discuss options. The other half of the 20 points will be based on participation. This grade is completely at the discretion of the instructor. If you actively participate in class with thoughtful questions, answers, and general contributions while working well with classmates and following instructor requests, you will receive full credit. Similarly, in the event of a long-term absence, please contact me to discuss options.