

TEXT: All readings are available in the “Web links” section of our class website on Blackboard

OFFICE: Kaprielian Hall (KAP) 116D, MW 12:30-1:45; TuTh 1:30-1:45
 Cell Phone: 661-733-4530. Call any time. I don’t usually answer at 3AM, but you can leave a voicemail without waking me up. If I don’t call back within 2 hours, or if you call late at night and I haven’t called back by 7:30AM, try again. (No texting please)
 Email: sproulmike@yahoo.com I don’t give out grades by phone or email.

GRADING: Four quizzes: 57% (approximate weighting)
 Final: 36%
 Lecture notes: 2%
 Empirical project 5%

CLASS PROCEDURES

1. **Quizzes** are given on Wednesday of weeks 4, 7, 10, and 13. Quizzes usually cover only the material since the previous quiz. Quizzes focus on lectures, but if a topic is covered in lecture, you have to know what the assigned reading says about it. No bluebooks or scantrons are needed. Exams are returned in class, usually within two days. You may look at your exams in class or in office hours, but you may not copy down questions or take the test with you.

2. **Projects:** I will assign one short (1-3 hours) empirical project in week 4 or 5.

3. **Lecture Notes:** One of the assignments (worth 2 points in total) is to turn in your lecture notes for two classes. You are assigned to take notes during the following weeks based on your last name:

Last name	A-C	D-J	K-L	M	P-R	S-Si	Sj-Sz	T-Z
Weeks	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8	9 or 10	11 or 12	13 or 14	14 or 15

If your **FIRST** name starts with A-L, do the first week listed. If it starts with M-Z, do the second. Notes must be neatly handwritten, not typed. Be sure to include a proper heading, including your name, date, and class time. Upload the file to our class website. The link you post must connect directly to a single file containing your complete set of notes with just one click. No ads, no multiple files, etc. Notes should be posted within 36 hours of your second day of note-taking. If you have trouble with scanners and computers, the easiest solution is to go to a copy store and have them scan your papers to a pdf file, which you can then upload. If you can’t do your assigned week, you can do the week before or the week after.

4. **Missed exams:** If you have to miss a quiz, then (assuming you have not missed an exam before, and contact me promptly) I will put more weight on your final exam.

5. **Grade Appeals** are made in writing or by email. Grades sometimes fall after appeals.

WEEK	TOPICS	READING
1	Review of supply and demand principles	Link PE: chap. 1, 4, 5
2	Competition, costs, profit-maximization	link PE: Chap 8a-d Link PE: Chap 10
3	Monopoly, Welfare effects, Natural Monopoly	Link PE: Chap. 11b-e
4	Regulation, Transfer Pricing	Link PE: 11f-i
5	Price Discrimination	Link PE: chap. 12a-e
6	Cartels, Oligopoly, Dominant Firms	Link PE: Chap. 13a-f

7	Monopolistic Competition, Advertising	Link PE: Chap. 14a,d,e,f
8	Input Demand	Link PE: Chap. 15
9	Financial Markets: Longs, Shorts, Options	Link PE: Chap 20d, g
10	Options, Exhaustible Resources	Link PE: Chap. 19f Link IW2: Chap 27 (pp. 315-330)
11	Colonial Currency and Monetary Policy	Link C1
12	The Suspension period; Bullionism	Link PE: Chap. 29; Link B1
13	Monetary Controversies, 1810-today	Link PE: Chap 29; Link T2
14	The Quantity Theory vs. the Real Bills Doctrine	Link T1; Link M1; Link E1
15	Modern Monetary Policy	Links F1-F5; link R