UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO Money and Banking: ECON4111-001 Spring 2013

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Web Link for Class Outline

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Money and banking emphsizes the financial system, financial institutions, central banks, monetary policy and financial stability. The course studies the role that money and interest rates play in the operation of the U.S. economy. The aim is to give students an overview of the U.S. financial system and an understanding of the theory and practice of monetary policy. The course looks at the changing U.S.financial environment and the influence of monetary policy on interest rates, prices and the overall level of economic activity.

A good strategy for the course is to be sure to understand the basic concepts and how they relate to each other, since this knowledge will be the primary determinant of your class grade. To get the most out of this course, try to relate actual economic events to what you are learning. As often as possible, class discussion will expand on theoretical topics by relating actual events to the theories presented in class. It is hoped that the students will make a better linkage between actual events and a hypothetical approach. Students are encouraged to contribute their ideas and opinions on these subjects.

Course Materials

Textbook: Link to EPub text

<u>Link for Firefox ePub Reader</u> (you need to have Firefox installed already)

Grading

There will be 3 quizzes given online and 3 exams given during the semester. Quizzes will represent 33% of the class grade and exams the remaining 67%.

For your final grade, the grading scale is:

- 92.00%+ = A
- 90.00% 91.99% = A-
- 88.00% 89.99% = B+
- 82.00% 87.99% = B
- 80.00% 81.99% = B-
- 78.00% 79.99% = C+
- 60.00% 77.99% = C
- below 60% = F

Exam Schedule

Midterm Exam: Wednesday, February 27

Midterm Exam: Wednesday, April 24

Final Exam: Wednesday, May 8: (7:30pm - 10:00pm)

Exams will be given in the classroom.

Important Dates

- March 23 March 31: Spring Break
- May 3 Last day of classes

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