Econ 340
Lecture 0
Course Information

Course Organization

- Syllabus
  - Textbook: Gerber 6th ed. (OK to use 5th ed. or earlier)
  - Readings:
    - All but textbook are from web or Canvas
  - Do reading – both text and other – before class
- News
- Exams: 2 midterms + final

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- Web site
  - Find it through
    - Canvas, or
    - Google "Deardorff"

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- My Office Hours:
  - Hours:
    - Mondays 10:00-11:00 AM
    - Thursdays 2:00-3:00 PM
  - 3314 Weill Hall
  - Ford School of Public Policy (Here)
- GSI Office Hours (Morris Hamilton)
  - Hours:
    - Sundays 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Angell Hall G115
    - Mondays 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Lorch 351A

Announcements

- Course time: 8:30 – 9:50 AM
  - Thus NOT "Michigan Time"
  - Reason: To give you time to get to your next class

Exam Information

- Dates:
  - Mon Feb 20 in class
  - Mon Mar 27 in class
  - Tue Apr 25 8-10 AM
    - Middle of exam week.
    - Drop course if you won’t be here
- Instructions for exams
- Links to old exams
- Results of exams
Lecture 1: Intro

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• Attendance
  – Required, in the sense that some material for exams may only be spoken in class and not appear in readings or on slides
  – Otherwise it's up to you
  – Please don’t
    • Arrive late or leave early without good reason
    • Sleep in class

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• News
  – How we'll use
    • Weekly discussion
    • Three news items assigned each week
    • Included on exams
  – Your responsibility: Keep up with international economic news
    • Subscriptions available online for
      – Wall Street Journal
      – Economist
      – Financial Times
    – Also see my link to "All"

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• Q&A
  – Feel free to e-mail me with questions
  – I will post questions and answers online (without your name)
  – Good idea to check these before exams

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• Questions on Readings
  – For each reading outside textbook:
    • Several questions – usually 3
    • These are guides to what I want you to learn, in addition to what I say about them in class
    • Exam questions on the readings will mostly come from these questions
    • I don't post answers to these, because I want you to do the readings and find the answers there

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• Study Questions
  – Available for each lecture
  – Format is same as exams
    • Part multiple choice
    • Part short answer
  – Some exam questions will come directly from these. Others will be similar to them
  – Answers posted about a week after the questions
  – Don’t wait to use them!

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• Other items on course homepage:
  – Lecture slides, before & after
  – Curves from prior terms
  – Glossary of International Economics
  – Honors assignment
  – Questionnaire and results
  – Recent readings I recommend
  – Student comments from prior terms
  – Useful links
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Next Time

- Overview of the International Economy
  - “Globalization”
  - Elements of the World Economy
  - Ways that Countries Interact
  - Policies that Affect Others