Econ 340

Lecture 0
Course Information
Announcements

• Course time: 8:30 – 9:50 AM
  – Thus NOT “Michigan Time”
  – Reason: To give you time to get to your next class across campus
Course Organization

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

• Web site
  – Find it through
    • Canvas,
    or
    • Google “Deardorff”
Course Organization

• 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
Course Organization

• 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
Course Organization

• Attendance
  – Required, in the sense that some material for exams may only be mentioned 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
Course Organization

• 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”
Course Organization

- **Q&A**
  - Feel free to e-mail me with questions
  - I will post questions and answers online (without your name)
  - Useful to check these before exams
Course Organization

• 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
Course Organization

• 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!
Course Organization

• 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
  – 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