Exams. The exams will look similar in many ways to the problem sets, so successfully completing the problem sets will greatly assist you in studying for exams. If you feel you have not mastered a problem from the problem sets, please let me know and we can help you understand the concepts covered. This is good preparation for exams.

Weekly Problem Sets/Case Studies. Problem sets are a major part of learning the material in the course. Not only can the problems connect theory to real life, but they have a way of making the course more fun and interesting. Some problems will be similar to those seen at the end of the chapters in the book, while others will be case studies, requiring application of our studies to real world events. The dates of the problems sets are marked in the class schedule in this syllabus.

Macroeconomics Research Paper. Each student will be asked to identify a macroeconomic issue or topic of personal interest, and then conduct a 5-7 page research paper on this topic. The paper will apply a macroeconomic model or subject studied in our course or to a current issue in the world. The topic can be flexible, but I will want to work with you on choosing the topic and the themes. I will like to speak individually with each of you about your papers: the choice of topic, the outline, and some editing as the process goes on over the semester.

Participation / Presentations. We will have multiple presentations from each student. Each will be asked to prepare a formal presentation, including PowerPoint slides. The object is to create a discussion-based course. Students who are not presenting are tasked with participating with the discussion at hand. This is a very important skill for economists in a professional environment. It also makes for a better, more interesting class together. I will bring more details on these presentations in the first weeks of class.
Academic Integrity: The University of Maryland has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This Code sets standards applicable to all undergraduate and graduate students, and you are responsible for upholding these standards as you complete assignments and take exams in this course. Please make yourself aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, faciliation, and plagiarism. For more information see www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu

Student Conduct: Students are expected to treat each other with respect. Disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Students who are unable to show civility to one another or myself will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. You are expected to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct.

Medical Excuses: If you miss any class meetings for any reason, you are still responsible for all material covered during the meeting you missed. It is your responsibility – not the instructor’s – to catch up on the missed material. Instructors routinely facilitate things by posting lecture notes, etc.

If you need to miss an exam or other graded course requirement because of illness, injury, or some other emergency: Follow doctor's orders and get documentation. Get in touch with the instructor as soon as you’re able – preferably prior to missing the exam or deadline. Communicate with the instructor to make up the course requirement as soon as possible. You are entitled to recover before you make up the course requirement, but you are not entitled to extra days to study beyond the time the doctor's note says you're incapacitated. If you are incapacitated for more than a week or so beyond the end of the term, your grade in the course will be an “Incomplete”. In such cases you must negotiate a plan with your instructor for completing the course requirements. Once you make up the course requirement the instructor will change your "I" to the appropriate letter grade.

School Closings and Delays: Information regarding official University closing and delays can be found on the campus website and the snow phone line: (301) 405-SNOW (405-7669). The program director will also announce cancellation information to the program as an announcement on the program’s ELMS/Canvas site. This will generally be done by 1:00 p.m. on days when weather or other factors are an issue. If classes need to be cancelled during the semester, it may be necessary to move the final exam back a week so missed classes can be made up.

Students with Disabilities: The University of Maryland does not discriminate based on differences in age, race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, class, political affiliation, and national origin. Reasonable accommodations will be made to students with documented disabilities. I will make every effort to accommodate students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office and who provide me with a University of Maryland DSS Accommodation form.

Academic Progress: The graduate school requires that students maintain a GPA of at least 3.0. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation by the graduate school. Students on academic probation must ask the program’s director to petition the graduate school if they want to remain in the program. The petition must include a plan for getting the student’s GPA up to at least 3.0. Students who do not live up to their plan can be forced to leave the program without having earned the degree. Note: a grade of "B" corresponds to a GPA of 3.0. A grade of "B-" corresponds to a GPA of 2.7.

Access to Morrill Hall and Morrill 1102: Morrill Hall is locked every day from 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Your university ID gives you swipe access to the back door of the building.