

ECON 136B
Spring 2008
Syllabus

Mon & Weds 8:00-9:15am @ North Hall 1110

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Week No.	Date	Day	Topic(s)	Chapter	Assignment(s)
1	31-Mar	M	Course Intro. and overview of the material	n/a	
1	2-Apr	W	Intangible Assets	12	Quiz CH 12
2	7-Apr	M	Intangible Assets	12	
2	9-Apr	W	Intangible Assets/ Start CH13	12	
3	14-Apr	M	<i>NO CLASS</i>		
3	16-Apr	W	Current Liabilities & Contingencies	13	WileyPlus CH 13
4	21-Apr	M	Current Liabilities & Contingencies	13	
4	23-Apr	W	Midterm #1 (Chapters 12 & 13)		
5	28-Apr	M	Long-Term Liabilities	14	WileyPlus CH 14
5	30-Apr	W	Long-Term Liabilities	14	
6	5-May	M	Stockholders' Equity	15	WileyPlus CH 15
6	7-May	W	Stockholders' Equity	15	
7	12-May	M	Stockholders' Equity & Exam Review	15	
7	14-May	W	Midterm #2 (Chapters 14 & 15)		
8	19-May	M	Dilutive Securities & Earnings Per Share	16	WileyPlus CH 16
8	21-May	W	Dilutive Securities & Earnings Per Share	16	
9	26-May	M	<i>HOLIDAY- NO CLASS</i>		
9	28-May	W	Dilutive Securities & Earnings Per Share	16	
10	2-Jun	M	Investments	17	Quiz CH 17
10	4-Jun	W	Investments	17	
FINAL	13- Jun	Fri	Final, Fri Jun13, 8:00-10:00am, Chapters 16 & 17 and approx. 25% cumulative		

COURSE GRADE:

Your grade will be based upon the total points you earn during the quarter. The point breakdown follows:

<u>Grade Component</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Points</u>
Midterm #1	Text chapters 12 & 13	280
Midterm #2	Text chapters 14 & 15	280
Final	Text chapters 16 & 17 and approx. 25% cumulative	340
Quizzes & Homework (20 points each, exclude lowest score)	Quiz or homework at beginning of new chapters as per above course schedule	100
TOTAL POINTS		<u>1,000</u>

WEB-PAGE

The class webpage is available at econ.ucsb.edu/~anderson. You can access all class presentations at the web-page and printout for taking notes on in class.

NOTE: Some of the content at the class webpage is password protected. The username and password are provided during lecture. If you miss the announcement, see the instructor in person.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND READINGS:

Kieso & Weygandt, Intermediate Accounting, TWELFTH EDITION, Wiley, 2007. (available at the bookstore). In addition to the textbook, our order with the UCSB bookstore includes the WileyPlus registration materials.

NOTE TO BARGAIN SHOPPERS---THE DEAL WE HAVE AT THE BOOKSTORE PACKAGES THE WILEYPLUS TOGETHER WITH THE TEXTBOOK and is a discounted price for the bundle. If you try to purchase them separately elsewhere, be sure to factor in the additional cost of WileyPlus.

WILEY PLUS is an online feature that comes with your textbook and provides additional content, online text, etc. It is required to complete most of the homework assignments. Here is a link to an online tutorial for the site <http://www.wileyplus.com/studentfdoc> . Please register via the following link:

<http://edugen.wiley.com/edugen/class/cls59599/>

SOFTWARE TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

The instructor is not qualified to address technical difficulties with WileyPlus. Should you encounter problems with WileyPlus, the online chat feature accessible through WileyPlus will likely prove more helpful- in past quarters the few students who have needed it, found the online chat very timely, responsive and effective.

PREPARATION:

Students should read the applicable chapter before attending the scheduled lecture. In-class lectures will assume that students have read the chapters and accordingly will focus on expanding upon information contained in the textbook and answering students' questions. Not reading the chapters before attending class will significantly reduce the benefit which students may obtain by attending lectures.

COURSE APPROACH:

The major source of information will come from the lectures, cases, and textbook readings. However, we will include additional material as appropriate.

QUIZZES & HOMEWORK:

Quizzes & Homework will be given/ due as scheduled on the syllabus, unless otherwise stated during class. There are no make-up assignments. There is ONE drop; if you miss an assignment for any reason it will be considered your drop. Quizzes will be very quick to answer (but will require that you have read the chapter). They will be on the overhead at the beginning of class, please arrive to class on time, and immediately begin the quiz, which will need to be completed and handed in no later than 5 minutes after the start of class.

ADDITIONAL STUDY MATERIALS:

When you access WileyPlus, you will find an assignment titled “136B study questions” which has no points and no due date; these are problems you can practice with and use WileyPlus features to research answers (and in fact see the answers). Additionally, the course webpage has prior quarter exams posted with solutions.

EXAMS:

The format of the exams may include multiple-choice, short-answer, exercise or problem type questions. You should pay close attention to the topics covered in lecture and for homework. Use your textbook to reinforce topics covered. The final exam will be cumulative containing approximately 75% untested material and a cumulative portion which will comprise approximately 25% of the total exam points.

There are NO make-up exams allowed. Please ensure that your schedule allows for attending all exams.

For the midterms and final you will need the following:

- Scantron (small green)
- Pencil for scantron. Pencil or pen for other questions.
- Basic Calculator. NOTE, only a basic or financial calculator will be allowed. Please do NOT plan to take exams using a programmable calculator.

PROGRAMABLE CALCULATORS, CELL PHONES, or ANY TYPE OF ELECTRONIC ORGANIZER(PALM) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED DURING THE TESTS.

REGRADE POLICY

After your exams are graded you are encouraged to compare your answers with the solution key to confirm your exam was scored correctly. If you wish to question the grading of an exam you must do so no later than the last office hour before the taking of the next exam. Scores will only be changed on the last exam taken. Review of your final needs to be completed within the first three weeks of the following quarter. Any question may be posed to the instructor for re-grade and that problem will be graded by the instructor “from scratch”. Such total could result in less points than initially assigned.

ATTENDANCE:

You are responsible for all that is said and done in class.

STUDENTS WITH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DISABILITIES:

If you are a student with a disability and would like to discuss special academic accommodations, please contact me during my office hours.

SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY:

With the exception of any GROUP work, all work is to be accomplished on an individual basis. Instances of scholastic dishonesty will be handled in the most extreme fashion, as prescribed by University policy.