

PS138G: Crisis and Crash, Global Markets and National Strategies

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Please refer to the course syllabus for detail on readings, assignments, and other logistics for the course. This is only to cover section logistics and expectations.

Logistics

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Section Hours and Location:

Section 101: Monday, 11-12, Hildebrand B56

Section 102: Wednesday, 12-1, Barrows 104

Office Hours and Location:

Location: Barrows 716 (Prof. Zysman's Office)

Times: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm (after class)
Thursdays, 1:00-2:00pm (before class)

Extra office hours will be announced around the due dates for the research papers and prior to the final exam.

If circumstances prevent you from getting help at these times, please let me know in advance.

Section Materials

Most section materials will be posted to the course bSpace site. Some additional materials and resources may be available on my website, at <http://markhuberty.berkeley.edu/teaching>.

Section Policies

- Attendance and Absences

Attendance is expected and advised and can influence grading. Consistent absences will be frowned upon.

- Participation

Section participation is an important part of the learning process in this class and will contribute to your section grade. At least half of each section will involve some kind of participation.

I realize that some people are more comfortable speaking in public than others. I will count for participation submission of 2 questions prior to section regarding either the readings or the lectures. Note that the questions should indicate some familiarity with the readings and lecture.

- Grading

I will attempt to return grades as quickly as possible.

Questions about grades that were not answered in the comments I provide are welcome. Please bring them to office hours.

Grades are set in consultation with Prof. Zysman. Consistent with his policy, requests for re-grades are welcome, but will result in the assignment being reviewed by both Prof. Zysman and myself. The grade may then go up or down.

- Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is disrespectful to your fellow students and your GSI and professors. It also violates University codes of conduct for students. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please see UC Berkeley's policy on academic honesty at

[http://students.berkeley.edu/files/osl/Student Judicial Affairs/Student s%20Guide%20to%20Academic%20Integrity%20at%20Cal\(1\).DOC](http://students.berkeley.edu/files/osl/Student_Judicial_Affairs/Student_s%20Guide%20to%20Academic%20Integrity%20at%20Cal(1).DOC).

If you have any questions as to what constitutes plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty, please raise them with myself, Professor Zysman, and / or the Center for Student Conduct (<http://students.berkeley.edu/osl/sja.asp?id=1125>).

Resources

News and Current Events

1. *The Financial Times*

The FT probably has the best English coverage of current economic, financial, and political events. The library has a regular subscription. The FT is also available online, with some restrictions.

2. The Economics Blogs

The economists now maintain a high-quality discussion of economic policy and political economy through blogs written by high-profile leaders in the field. Good ones to pay attention across the political spectrum include:

- Brad DeLong: <http://delong.typepad.com>
- Greg Mankiw: <http://gregmankiw.blogspot.com>
- Dani Rodrik: <http://rodrik.typepad.com/> (this may be infrequent now)
- Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabbarok: <http://www.marginalrevolution.com>
- Paul Krugman: <http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com>
- Nouriel Roubini: <http://www.rgemonitor.com/blog/roubini>
- Felix Salmon: <http://blogs.reuters.com/felix-salmon/>

Research Papers and Writing

Good writing is, along with public speaking, one of the most valuable general skills out there these days. UC Berkeley has several resources available if you would like help improving your writing for the purposes of this class and beyond.

- The Student Learning Center (<http://slc.berkeley.edu/>) offers one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance programs. They recommend that you work with them on a piece of writing (like a paper for this class!) over the course of the semester.
- <http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/newsite/moreresources.htm> has a large set of resources here at Berkeley and elsewhere to help you start and refine your writing

We will spend some time working on research paper writing throughout the semester.

Academic Honesty and Citation

Any good style guide will provide information on when and how to cite sources in your written work. You should use Author-Year references, like the Chicago or Harvard systems, for the purposes of this class.

Good guides include:

- Strunk and White, *The Elements of Style*
- *The Chicago Manual of Style*
- Patrick Sebranek, *Writer's Inc*
- Joseph Williams, *Style: Toward Clarity and Grace*

These are all in the library or available through Amazon.