

**ECONOMICS 136**  
**MONETARY AND FINANCIAL ECONOMICS**

Lecture TuTh 12:30-2:00, 2040 Valley LSB

***Course Description***

Economics 136 studies the financial system. Explains how specific markets and institutions (e.g., banks) that comprise the financial system perform fundamental functions of facilitating inter-temporal exchange, managing risk, solving information problems, and providing transactions services. International and regulatory issues are also addressed.

***Prerequisites*** Econ 100A-B or 101A–B, and Math 1A or 16A.

**Text** Bodie, Kane, and Marcus: *Investments*, Irwin/McGraw-Hill (4th edition), 1999.  
**Reader** Econ 136 Reader, Copy Central, 2560 Bancroft.

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***Grading***

- 2 Midterms worth 42 percent of the total grade (21% each)
- Problem Sets worth 10 percent of the total grade
- Final Examination worth 48 percent of the total grade

There will be **no make-up final, and no make-up midterm exams or problem sets**. Students who miss midterms or problem sets with excuses meeting University standards will receive grades based on the exams and problem sets completed. Students who miss the final with excuses meeting University standards will receive a grade of incomplete (I).

***Special Accommodations***

Students with disabilities requiring special accommodation for exams must, **one week before the first midterm**, (1) make arrangements with their GSI and (2) deliver the DSP letter to Professor Pierce.