

**ECON 172C -- SYLLABUS (FALL 2006)**  
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Course Information

- Course: Intro to Operations Research C (568649) – MWF, 8-9 am, PETERSON 102
- Description: Networks, dynamic programming, computer simulation, inventory models.
- Prerequisite: Econ 172A

Books and Materials

- No textbook required.
- Foster, Ec 172C Course Packet [Soft Reserves]

Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o “W” thru F, 20 OCT
- Drop w/o “F” thru M, 27 NOV
- Holidays: F, 10 NOV (Veterans’ Day); Th-F, 23-24 NOV (Thanksgiving)
- Midterm: Wednesday, 25 OCT, in class
- Final: Friday, 8 DEC, 8-11 am, PETERSON 102 or \_\_\_\_\_

Examinations and Grading

Midterm = 50 points; cumulative/comprehensive final = 150 points; homework = 25 points (after adjustment). Exams open book/notes. Regrade period = 1 week after papers returned. Late homework penalty = ½ score.<sup>1</sup> No rescheduled/make-up exams.<sup>2</sup> Cheating = F + penalty imposed by your college.<sup>3</sup>

Grade Scale	
Gr	Points
A±	93-99%
B±	85-92%
C±	64-84%
D	00-63%

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- TOPIC 1 – NETWORKS I
- TOPIC 2 – NETWORKS II (PROJECT SCHEDULING)
- TOPIC 3 – DETERMINISTIC DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING
- TOPIC 4 – STOCHASTIC DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING
- TOPIC 5 – INVENTORY MODELS
- TOPIC 6 – COMPUTER SIMULATION & QUEUING THEORY

<sup>1</sup> Put early papers in wire basket on countertop in SEQ 245. No papers accepted after graded papers returned.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that you MUST take the final exam with the rest of the class on Friday of finals week!

<sup>3</sup> I often give multiple versions of tests. If you have the right answers for some other version, you are busted.