

Economics 200-001 Course Syllabus
Winter Session 2011

Time: MTWRF 1:00-3:50

Location: Modern Languages 210

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Office Hours: MTWRF after class in Modern Languages 210 and by appointment (McClelland Hall 401B)

Prerequisites:

Econ 200 is NOT available to students who have completed or enrolled in Econ 201A, 201B, or 210.

Under University rules, students CANNOT receive course credit for Econ 200, Econ 201A/B, and/or Econ 210. There are NO exceptions to this policy.

Text Book:

Required - Principles of Economics, 5th ed., N. Gregory Mankiw

Attendance:

Regular class attendance is essential in order to learn the material of this course. Furthermore, class materials are passed out in class (Note: You are responsible for all material presented in class). To avoid distracting others it is requested to be in the class on time and not leave it before it is ended.

Grading:

Two midterm exams, quizzes, current event reports, and a final exam account for the entire grade for the course with the weights as follows: Quizzes (20%), Current Event Reports (10%), Midterm 1 (20%), Midterm 2 (20%), Final (30%).

Schedule:

The following dates are tentative and subject to change, but plan on the following:

Midterm 1 (December 23), Midterm 2 (January 4), Final (January 10).

Exams:

There will be no make-up exams. Students must take the exams at the scheduled times. Students with an excused absence will have his or her final and other midterm grade percentages changed by 1.5 times the original percentages. The student must provide evidence/documentation deemed sufficient by the instructor that his or her absence is excusable. If a student has an excused absence he or she must contact the instructor before the scheduled date of the exam or at most no longer than 24 hours after the exam date. Missing both midterms will result in an E for the course. **The final exam is mandatory and cumulative.** Failure to take the final exam will result in an E for the course. Students who wish to appeal an exam grade must do so within two days and need to ask for an appointment with the instructor to discuss the issue.

Quizzes:

Every few days students should expect to take a short quiz. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped so students will not have an opportunity to make up a missed quiz.

Current Events Report/Presentation:

Every Tuesday and Thursday students need to come to class with a written description of an article found online that deals with economics and current events. The student should briefly describe the content in the article, where you got it (name of website/magazine, date, etc.), and explain how the article relates to the field of economics. These reports will be turned in and should be no more than a paragraph in length. Students can't use the same article more than once. Finally, each student will be called upon once during the class session to present their report to the class.

Homework:

Periodic homework is assigned, but it is optional. Doing the homework problems will help you on the exams and quizzes, but will not be turned in for a grade.

Course Topics:

Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

Intro to Economics, Production Possibility Frontier, Absolute and Comparative Advantage, Supply and Demand, Market Equilibrium/Shifts, Applications of Supply and Demand, Elasticity, Theory of the Firm, Firm Costs, Profit Maximization, Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Intro to Macroeconomics, Measures of Income/Prices, Unemployment, Monetary System, Aggregate Demand and Supply, Fiscal/Monetary Policy

Other topics may be covered as time permits.

Special Accommodations:

Students with disabilities requiring special accommodations must notify the instructor. Any student requiring special accommodations must do so through the procedures established by the University's disability resource center.

Other course policies:

Cheating will NOT be tolerated. Group studying and working on homework in groups is encouraged; however, directly copying other's work is plagiarism and will be punished harshly. Any attempts to cheat in any way, shape, or form will result in an E for the course and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.