

San José State University  
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics  
ECON 241, Seminar in Law and Economics, Section 01, Fall 2019

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites	Previous education in economics and business law helpful, but not esse

Course Description

such as property rights, contracts, liability, and torts. Includes case studies, a research proposal, research project, and an oral presentation.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

## Course Requirements and Assignments

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities.

## Project Proposal

In order to prepare for the final project, you will submit a 12 page proposal Canvas by October 1 (refer to the template). I will then approve this proposal or require adjustments before you proceed. You do not have to wait until the due date. The proposal will be graded on a PASS/FAIL basis. You may find Booth and McCloskey particularly helpful when writing the proposal and final project. I will accept proposal resubmissions until October 31, at which point you will lose half credit for the proposal if you have not earned a PASS yet.

## Project Presentation

You will present a brief fifteen minute version of your final project at the end of the semester. The presentation must be emailed to me by midnight before the day of your presentation. Failure to do so will lead to a loss of points on the presentation. You should not attempt to present all your final project slides in this assignment, but rather present a briefer version of the overall project. You may use a PowerPoint or a PDF file. A full rubric is provided.

## Grading Information

### Determination of Grades

The final grade in the course will be based on the following weights:

Category	Weight
Participation	15%
Case Studies	15%
Exams	20%
Project Proposal	10%
Project Presentation	15%
Final Project	25%

These weights are fixed. Improvement in other categories will not raise your grades elsewhere except as stated otherwise. Late work will not be accepted.

### Grading Scale

A+: 97 to 100    A: 94 to 96    A-: 90 to 93  
B+: 87 to 89    B: 84 to 86    B-: 80 to 83  
C+: 77 to 79    C: 74 to 76    C-: 70 to 73  
D: 60 to 69  
F: <60

## Classroom Protocol

### Office Hours

The best way to contact me is by email [barwynn.deyo@sjsu.edu](mailto:barwynn.deyo@sjsu.edu). My office hours are Thursday, 1:00pm-2:30pm in my office, DMH 142.

### Academic Honesty

I take academic honesty very seriously and will follow the policies as published by SJSU. These policies are online and available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07.htm>. It is the responsibility of the student to read and understand what constitutes a violation of the honor code. Claims of ignorance cannot be used to justify dishonest behaviors. All instances of academic dishonesty will be reported through the appropriate channels. In this course, any student caught engaging in activities which violate the honor code as written by the University of San Jose will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Z L O O U H F H L Y H D V H P H S / c o u r s e J U D G H R I 3 ) ' I R U W K

### Disability Notice

Please see me as soon as possible if you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability. If you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated. Presidential Directive 97 at [http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD\\_1097.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1097.pdf) requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Disability Resource Center at <http://www.drc.sjsu.edu> to establish a record of their disability.

### Other Class Policies

1. Students will show respect at all times for others. Class will begin on time and end on time. As such, students are expected to be on time.
2. So as to minimize any disruption to class, ensure that any electronic devices you bring with you to class are set to not produce any sounds during class. This includes setting cell phones to vibrate or silent and muting the speakers on laptops and tablets. Students using their cell phones or laptops for non

# ECON 241-01 / Seminar in Law and Economics Fall 2019 Course Schedule

My proposed schedule for the semester follows. If it proves too ambitious, I will try to simply say less about each topic rather than cut the topics for the final weeks. In addition to the textbook readings for each week, students should read the articles posted with each topic posted on <http://www.darwyndeoyo.com/econ241-law-and-economics.html>

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Aug 22	Introduction and Empirical Review (SH 1)
2	Aug 26 ±29	Economic Efficiency & Property Rights (SH-2)
3	Sep 3 ±5	PURSHUW \ 5 L (SH 5) FRQW ¶ G
4	Sep 10- 12	Externalities and the Coase Theorem (SH) 6
5	Sep 17 ±19	Contracts (SH 136); Case Study#1 (Sep19)
6	Sep 24 ±26	Applications ±CoaseTheorem (Handouts); ProjectWorkshop (Sep 26)
7	Oct 1 ±3	Regulatory Takings & Law vs. Legislation (Handouts); Proposal Due (Oct 1)
8	Oct 8 ±10	Exam Review & Exam #1 (October 10)
9	Oct 15 ±17	Liability and Negligence (SH 8); Project Workshop (October 17)
10	Oct 22 ±24	