

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 205, Workshop in Policy Analysis, Section 01, Spring 2019

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Prerequisites	7 K L V F R X U V H L V P H D Q W W R E H W D N H Q D W coursework ECON 201, ECON 202, and ECON 203 are expected

Course Description

Survey of major areas of economic policy such as taxes, transportation, health, housing, environment, trade and education. We will consider different institutional frameworks for addressing issues in these policy areas, including market based solutions, common pool resource solutions, centralized regulations and more. Students prepare a written report on some topic of policy analysis and present the results to the class. Students will be expected to complete in-class exercises, referee reports, paper proposal, peer edits, a paper presentation and an original final research paper related to a subject related to policy analysis. This 3-unit course satisfies the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of core microeconomic concepts and effectively apply them to complex

[DU] Susan E. Dudley and Jerry Brito, Regulation: A Primer (2nd edition). ISBN 978-0983607731.
[BE] David T. Beito, The Voluntary City. ISBN 9781598130324.
Articles and handouts posted on Canvas

Recommended Readings

[BO] Wayne C. Booth, The Craft of Research (4th edition). ISBN 978-0226239736
[MC] Deirdre N. McCloskey, Economical Writing (2nd edition). ISBN 9781577660637.

ECON 205-01 /Workshop in Policy Analysis, Spring 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 associated with each topic posted on Canvas.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	Jan 28 & 30	Introduction to Policy Analysis (BE 1; DU 1-2; OS 1)
2	Feb 4 & 6	Public Choice and Institutional Economics (BE 2; DU 3; OS 2)
3	Feb 11 & 13	Takings and Zoning (BE 3, 4; RB 4; SA 1, 2)
4	Feb 18 & 20	Intellectual Property and Fair Use (SA 4; DU 4; OS 3)
5	Feb 25 & 27	Innovation and Telecommunications (RB 5, DU 5); Referee Report #1 Due (Feb 27)
6	Mar 4 & 6	Licensing, Unions, and Labor Regulation (SA 5, 7; DU 6)