

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 191, Economic Thought of Nobel Prize Winners, Section 01,
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Prerequisites:	ECON 1A, ECON 1B, and 100W. A 100W course in the Economics Department is <i>strongly recommended</i> .

Course Description

Exploration of lectures and essays related to economics Nobel Prize Winners since 1969. Topics include market theory, information theory, game theory, macroeconomic models, and new developments. Students submit weekly questions, three papers, and a presentation on a Nobel Prize winner.

Program Learning Objectives (PLOs)

1. **PLO 1 Microeconomic Theory:** Students will learn about ideas in microeconomic theory including markets and price theory, asymmetric information, labor markets, game theory, and consumption theory.
2. **PLO 2 Macroeconomic Theory:** Students will learn about ideas in macroeconomic theory including monetary theory, growth models, public finance models, and international trade.
3. **PLO**

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

resources and guidance on the format during class, but you can also learn more about it on the class website. It is not a debate with two debaters taking sides, but a group dialogue where students engage in thoughtful interrogation of ideas. You should have your readings (and notes on the readings) with you for seminar discussion.

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Presentation on Nobel Prize Winners

Each student will sign up to present on a Nobel Prize Winner in class throughout the semester. Each student will be expected to give a 5 to 10 minute presentation on the winner, including a summary of the reading, the major ideas that they won the prize for, and anything else of particular interest. Presentations will take place at the start of each class as appropriate. Students may use presentation aids to facilitate their presentation. A complete rubric is available on Canvas and the class website.

Thought Papers

As part of this course, each student will write two short papers on economic thought. The first paper will reflect on and discuss

March 5). The second paper will

April 9). Each paper must be submitted to

Canvas and Turnitin on the day it is due and must run between 2 to 3 pages, double spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12, 1 inch margins in a Word Document (.doc or .docx). References do not contribute to the page count. A complete rubric is available on Canvas and the class website.

Final Paper

As the cumulative exercise in this class, each student will write a final paper which discusses and connects ideas

answer.

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Seminar Discussion: Each class will include a traditional

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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 must read the articles associated with each topic posted on Canvas. Semic0[(S)6(e)- 0

Nobel Prizes by SJSU Course Catalog

The following table lists the week of study, the Nobel Prize winners covered, the year(s) in which they won, and the SJSU Economics Course Catalog number with which the Nobel Prize winner is associated. Some topics may be associated with multiple courses. This table is designed to help students identify the Nobel Prize content for subjects they are potentially interested in or for classes which they have already taken.

Week	Winners	Prize Years	SJSU Econ Course
SECTION 1 –MICROECONOMICS			
1	Frisch and Tinbergen	1969	101
2	Allais; Hicks and Arrow	1988; 1972	101
3	Becker; Stigler	1992; 1982	101 & 141
4	Vickrey; Akerlof and Stiglitz	1996; 2001	101
5	Dale, Mortensen, and Pissarides	2010	151
6	Nash; Aumann and Schelling	1994; 2005	101
SECTION 2 –MACROECONOMICS			
7	Friedman	1976	101, 135
8	Samuelson; Phelps	1970; 2006	102, 135
9	Koopmans; Solow; Lucas	1975; 1987; 1995	102, 135
10	Ohlin and Meade; Krugman	1977; 2008	136
SECTION 3 –FIELDS IN ECONOMICS			
12	Hayek; Buchanan	1974; 1986	133
13	Coase; Williamson	1991; 2009	141
14	Fogel and North; Ostrom	1993; 2009	193
15	Sen; Deaton	1998; 2015	112
16	Kahneman; Thaler; Smith	2002; 2017; 2002	180