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ECONOMICS 1B --PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS
SECTION 08

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Economics can be defined as *the study of exchange given certain institutional arrangements* or it can be viewed as *the study of human action - people making choices*. This course will teach you about economic reasoning and how the social science of economics applies to the real world and to your daily life. ***This is NOT a course in business, personal finance, or investing.***

My goal is to teach you how economic analysis can be used to evaluate actions taken by individuals and the government. Topics that will be covered include fundamental concepts of economics such as scarcity and opportunity cost; trade and government barriers to trade; the role of prices in allocating goods and services; applications of supply and demand; the role of government in the economy; the relationship between market and command economies; market structures and antitrust; public choice analysis, public goods theory and externalities; property rights and environmental economics.

My method is to teach this class from a philosophical and practical point of view. I will not focus on the mathematics or the technical aspects of the economics. ***My goal is to have an intuitive understanding rather than a mechanical understanding. However, you will be expected to learn and apply the basic supply and demand model (graph) by the end of the semester is to get you to analyze personal situations, not,***

I understand that students have different learning styles. Some learn by reading (verbal), others by listening (auditory), and still others primarily by doing. I do my best to address all styles of learning by incorporating lectures, class discussion, group probleming exercises, simulations, and videos throughout the semester.

I will assign numerous essays to read and I will also show videos and video clips in class on various policy topics. In addition to my lectures, there will be a lot to read and watch.

The goal of these essays and videos/video clips is to make you think critically and to look at issues from a perspective you probably have not considered before this class. Of course, there will also be reading from your THREE required books.

COURSE GOALS

UNIVERSITY HONOR CODE

Students are expected to be familiar with the SJSU Policy on Academic Dishonesty which can be found in the University Schedule of Classes and the University Catalog. The Department of Economics Academic Fairness Standards state that an instructor who discovers, or is presented with, conclusive evidence of cheating shall refer the student to the Department of Economics Academic Fairness & Compliance. The Department of Economics Academic Fairness & Compliance will determine the appropriate consequences for the student.

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Plagiarism is unacceptable. The instructor will discuss any instances of suspected plagiarism with the student involved and apply appropriate sanctions. Evidence of plagiarism will result in course failure and may also result in expulsion from San Jose State University. To avoid plagiarism, a good rule of thumb is to use quotes and citations if you use five words from someone else.

CAMPUS POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please contact the Office of Disability Services as soon as possible. Presidential Directive 037 requires that students with disabilities be given the same opportunities as other students to receive the benefits of education.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising>

GRADES AND MAKEUP POLICY

Five Tests: the highest three will count² (even if you get an R Q W K H I L U V W W K U tests, I highly recommend that you do not slack off. The Final will cover material from all the tests and you are required to take the ~~Final~~ **100 points each**

Paper: **100 points**

Final (comprehensive) **600 points**

Grades will be based on the highest three tests (600 points maximum), your paper (100 points maximum), and the Final (600 points maximum). There will be a total of 1,000 points. *Whatever c1xrcyou get an*

Do not plan any trips or other events as you must all take this Final with the entire class on **this day and time**