

San José State University

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Class Days/Time:	Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00 4:15pm
Campus Classroom:	DMH 166
Prerequisites:	ECON 101, ECON 102, ECON 100W, and ECON 103A, or instructor consent.

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:

Thought Papers

As part of this course, each student will write three short papers on economic thought. Thought papers are distinct from summaries of the readings. They are also different from writing a book report. Rather, students must engage critically with the ideas, and raise and answer an interesting question. The first paper will reflect **February 29**). The second paper will reflect on the **March 28**). The third paper will reflect on the ideas **May 2**). Each paper must be submitted in Canvas and be 2 full pages, double spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12, 1-inch margins in a Word Document (.doc or .docx). References and the title page do not contribute to the page count. A complete rubric is available on Canvas.

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

example, if I were to complete this assignment, I would send myself a
Empire Strikes Back
from reading this syllabus. This earns you 2 extra points on your final paper.

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Other Class Policies

1. Students and the professor will show respect for others at all times and will refer to people using the names and personal pronouns that they share.
2. Class will begin on time and end on time. Students are expected to be on time. Students who are late to seminar may not receive full credit for the seminar that day.
3. Students must use their SJSU email to communicate with me regarding course material and messages related to this class. I will make an effort to reply to course-related emails within two business days. I will not open email attachments from non-SJSU emails.
4. Students must submit all work through Canvas. All final written work is automatically submitted to Turnitin.
5. Cumulative grades on Canvas do *not* reflect your class grade. You may request a grade check from me
federal U.S.
FERPA law.
6. Students are not permitted to share any class recordings or class material with someone who is not enrolled in the class or without permission. Recordings and class material are protected by instructor copyright.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on

My proposed schedule for the semester follows. In addition to the HB textbook readings, students must read the prize lectures articles associated with each topic linked on the class website (<http://www.darwyndeyo.com/econ-191-nobel-economics.html>). Semicolons indicate separate wins.

Course Schedule

Week	Class Dates	Nobel Topics	Readings, Assignments, and Deadlines
1	Jan 25	Introduction	Frisch and Tinbergen
SECTION 1 - MICROECONOMICS			
2	Jan 30 - Feb 1	Foundations	Arrow and Hicks
3	Feb 6 - 8	Nonmarket Behavior	Coase (HB 3); Becker
4	Feb 13 - 15	Information	Stigler; Akerlof
5	Feb 20 - 22	Labor Markets	Diamond and Pissarides
6	Feb 27 - 29	Game Theory	Nash; Aumann and Schelling; Paper #1 (Feb 29)
SECTION 2 MACROECONOMICS			
7	Mar 5 - 7	Foundations	Samuelson; Friedman
8	Mar 12 - 14	The Phillips Curve Debate	Lucas; Phelps; NO CLASS (Mar 14)
9	Mar 19 - 21	Growth Theory	Kuznets; Koopmans; Solow
10	Mar 26 - 28	International Trade	Ohlin; Krugman; Paper #2 (Mar 28)
SECTION 3 FIELDS IN ECONOMICS			
<i>Spring Break (April 1 – 5)</i>			
12	Apr 9 - 11	Political Economy	Hayek; Buchanan (HB 1-2)
13	Apr 16 - 18	Development	Sen; Deaton
14	Apr 23 - 25	Institutional	Ostrom; Williamson (HB 6)
15	Apr 30 - May 2	Experimental	Smith; Duflo (HB 5); Paper #3 (May 2)
16	May 7 - 9	Missing Giants	Loury and Robinson
Presentation Due	May 21	Submitted on Canvas with Turnitin	

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
1	Frisch and Tinbergen	1969	101
SECTION 1 MICROECONOMICS			
2	Arrow and Hicks	1972	101
3	Coase; Becker	1991; 1992	141
4	Stigler; Akerlof	1982; 2001	101
5	Diamond and Pissarides	2010	151
6	Nash; Aumann and Schelling	1994; 2005	101
SECTION 2 MACROECONOMICS			
7	Samuelson; Friedman	1970; 1976	102, 135
8	Lucas; Phelps	1995; 2006	102, 135
9	Kuznets; Koopmans; Solow	1971; 1975; 1987	102, 135
10	Ohlin; Krugman	1977; 2008	136
SECTION 3 FIELDS IN ECONOMICS			
12	Hayek; Buchanan	1974; 1986	133
13	Sen; Deaton	1998; 2015	112
14	Ostrom; Williamson	2009	141
15	Smith; Duflo	2002; 2019	180