

“Economics deals with society's fundamental problems; it concerns everyone and belongs to all. It is the main and proper study of every citizen.” Ludwig von Mises

ECONOMICS 1B --PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS
SECTION 04

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Washington Square Hall 207
FRIDAY 10:00AM —12:45PM

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OFFICE HOURS:

you how economic analysis can be used to evaluate actions taken by government. Topics that will be covered include fundamental economics such as scarcity and opportunity cost; trade and government the role of prices in allocating goods and services; applications of supply and demand; public policy issues including the minimum wage, rent control, “price ceiling” prohibition, and human organ shortages; institutional differences between market and command economies; market structures and antitrust; public choice theory and externalities; property rights and environmental

teach this class from a philosophical and practical point of view. I will focus on the themes or the technical aspects of the economics. I want you to have a deep understanding rather than a mechanical understanding. However, you will learn and apply the basic supply and demand model (graph). The goal for this semester is to get you to analyze personal situations, listen to the needs and public policy, and argue with your friends and family using

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 States individual instructor who discovers, or is presented with, conclusive evidence of cheating shall assign a course grade of 'F,' and inform the Chairman of the Department the reasons for the grade and for further disciplinary action."

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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 talk to me as soon as possible. Presidential Directive 037 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Accessible Education Center at <https://www.sjsu.edu/aet/> to establish a record of their disability.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

I expect all students to behave professionally during class. This means that I will not tolerate cell phone/Apple watch text messaging, catching up on social media during class or looking at irrelevant websites on your laptop, reading the school newspaper or other materials, or talking while another student is asking a question, during a video, or when I am lecturing.

Talking is very disruptive to students who want to learn and to me as the instructor. I will not tolerate any sleeping or heads down during class. If you get tired, go outside and walk around until you wake up. If you get tired, please do not let me know that by putting your head down on your desk. I would rather have you leave the classroom.

NO CELL PHONES WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE OUT DURING CLASS. IF YOU NEED TO TEXT OR CALL, GO OUTSIDE PLEASE.

IF YOU NEED TO USE A LAPTOP/TABLET, YOU MUST SIT IN THE FIRST ROW (ACROSS) AND LAPTOPS/TABLETS CAN ONLY BE OPEN/USED AT CERTAIN TIMES*. THE POINT IS THAT MY CLASS IS NOT A TIME TO CATCH UP ON OTHER THINGS. THEREFORE, IF YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS A TEMPTATION , IT'S BETTER TO NOT USE IT DURING MY CLASS AND INSTEAD TAKE NOTES WITH PEN/PENCIL AND A NOTEBOOK.

IF YOU ARE TEXTING, ON YOUR LAPTOP/TABLET WHEN IT IS TO BE CLOSED, OR LOOKING AT IRRELEVANT WEBSITES WHEN IT IS OPEN, I WILL ASK TO YOU LEAVE MY CLASS.

Also be realistic about your personal discipline and commitment to this class. If you know that you will not be focused or if your job/extracurricular activity/other commitments will make it difficult for you to attend class, pay attention, or to stay the entire time, you should take this class at another time.

REQUIRED BOOKS

1. Economics Today: The Micro View, 2nd edition by Miller + MyEconLab
2. The Economics of Public Issues 2nd edition by Miller, Benjamin, and North
3. Economics in One Lesson by Hazlitt

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GRADES AND MAKEUP POLICY

- ✓ Five Tests: the highest three will count—(even if you get an “A” on the first three 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 percentage you earn out of 1,000 points will determine your semester grade.

GRADING SCALE

A+:	96.5—100	D:	59.5—69.4
A:	92.5—96.4	F:	59.4—BELOW
A-:	89.5—92.4		
B+:	86.5—89.4		
B:	82.5—86.4		
B-:	79.5—82.4		
C+:	76.5—79.4		
C:	72.5—76.4		
C-:	69.5—72.4		

WARNING!!!!

***You will not be allowed to take a test/Final early or later. NO EXCEPTIONS**

I will not drop you after the official drop date because of poor performance or missing scores.

ATTENDANCE

It is up to you to measure the costs and benefits of your class attendance. However, I highly recommend regular attendance because the tests cover more than just the reading in the three books. So, there is a cost to missing class.

