

San José State University
Department of Economics
Econ 1A, Prin of Econ, Sec 01(30786), Summer 2024

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Office Hours:	Online, Times To Be Announced
Class Days/Time:	Online
Classroom:	Online
Prerequisites:	Math Remediation completed or a post baccalaureate

“It is no crime to be ignorant of economics, which is, after all, a specialized discipline and one that most people consider to be a ‘dismal science.’ But it is totally irresponsible to have a loud and vociferous opinion on economic subjects while remaining in this state of ignorance.”

Murray N. Rothbard

Course Format

This course is completely online, with no in-person meeting times or office hours. All class activities can be accessed through the Canvas course site. Because of the completely online course format, students must have access to a computer, word-processing software, and a reliable connection to the internet. Most class activities will be through an asynchronous format, so students will be able to complete these activities according to their individual schedule as long as they meet due dates and times. A few activities, such as virtual office hours, will be held live or on specific days and times with some flexibility.

Course Description

This course covers economy-wide topics, including the determination of economic aggregates such as total output, total employment, the price level and the rate of economic growth.

Note: May be taken concurrently or prior to ECON 1B.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

Students will be encouraged to use the economic way of thinking to analyze human behavior, to critically approach economic and political news and to make a better sense of the world around them. Upon successful completion of this course, students will have an understanding of and be able to apply the following principles/concepts:

Comparative Advantage:

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Final Examination or Evaluation

The Final exam will have the same format and length as the first three exams and cover the fourth section of this course. Although there will not be comprehensive review questions from previous sections on the final exam, the material in the fourth section heavily relies upon student understanding of previous material.

Grading Scale: *number of points (percentages).....letter grade*

97-100.....A+ 93-96.....A 90-92.....A-
87-89.....B+ 83-86.....B 80-82.....B-
77-79.....C+ 73-76.....C 70-72.....C-
67-69.....D+ 63-66.....D 60-62.....D- 0-59.....F

University Policies

General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student

As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. See University Policy S90-5 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf>. More detailed information on a variety of related topics is available in the SJSU catalog, at <http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbggen/narr/catalog/rec-12234.12506.html>. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as a next step.

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's Catalog Policies section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the Academic Calendars webpage at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The Late Drop Policy is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

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

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

University Policy S12-7, <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to

from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include DV and HD digital camcorders; digital still cameras; video, slide and overhead projectors; DVD, CD, and audiotape players; sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

SJSU Peer Connections

workers, and counselors are available to provide consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. To schedule an appointment or learn more information, visit [Counseling Services website](http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling>.

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