**Course Syllabus**

**Basic Economic Issues (ECON 200)**

**Summer Session II 2014**

Time: MTWRF 11:00-12:45

Location: 129 McClelland Hall

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**Prerequisites:**

Econ 200 is NOT available to students who have completed or enrolled in Econ 201A, 201B, or 210. Under University rules, students CANNOT receive course credit for Econ 200, Econ 201A/B, and/or Econ 210. There are NO exceptions to this policy.

**Text Book:**

Essentials of Economics, 6th ed., N. Gregory Mankiw

**Attendance:**

Regular class attendance is essential in order to learn the course material. Furthermore, class materials are passed out in class (Note: You are responsible for all material presented in class). If you miss class you can obtain class materials from a classmate. Please do not come to office hours and ask for a reproduction of the lecture. To avoid distracting others it is requested that you arrive to class on time and not leave it before it has ended. Students who disrupt the class in this or any other fashion can be administratively dropped from the class.

**Grading:**

Two midterm exams, in-class quizzes, and a final exam account for the entire grade for the course with the weights as follows: Quizzes (15%), Current Event Reports (15%), Midterm 1 (20%), Midterm 2 (20%), Final (30%).

**Exam Schedule:**

The following dates are tentative and subject to change, but plan on the following:

Midterm 1 (July 24), Midterm 2 (August 5), Final (August 13).

**Exams:**

There will be no make-up exams. Students must take the exams at the scheduled times. Students with an excused absence for a midterm exam will have his or her final exam weighted 50% of their final grade. The student must provide evidence/documentation deemed sufficient by the instructor that his or her absence is excusable. If a student has an excused absence he or she must contact the instructor before the scheduled date of the exam unless such is impossible due to an emergency. Missing both midterms will result in an E for the course. **The final exam is mandatory and cumulative**. Failure to take the final exam will result in an E for the course**.** Students who wish to appeal an exam grade must do so within two days and need to ask for an appointment with the instructor to discuss the issue.

**Quizzes:**

Every few days students should expect to take a short quiz. The lowest two quiz grades will be dropped so students will not have an opportunity to make up a missed quiz.

**Problem Sets:**

Periodic problem sets will be assigned, however they will not be collected or graded. The material on the homework will be very closely related to the material covered on the quizzes. Doing the homework problems will help you on the exams and quizzes.

**Current Event Reports:**

Each student will complete three current event article summaries. All summaries should be one page in length, double-spaced and written in 12 pt. font. I will provide several suggested articles and you should choose one to write about. Each report should consist of two components. The first component is a paragraph summarizing the article. For the second component you should answer discussion questions that accompany the article. The reports will be graded based on completion and will be due on Mondays at the beginning of class.

**Course Topics:**

Topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

Intro to Economics, Production Possibility Frontier, Absolute and Comparative Advantage, Supply and Demand, Market Equilibrium/Shifts, Applications of Supply and Demand, Elasticity, Theory of the Firm, Firm Costs, Profit Maximization, Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Externalities and Market Failure, Intro to Macroeconomics, Measures of Income/Prices, Unemployment, Monetary System, Aggregate Demand and Supply, Fiscal/Monetary Policy

Other topics may be covered as time permits.

**Special Accommodations:**

Students with disabilities requiring special accommodations must do so through the procedures established by the University’s disability resource center.

**Other course policies:**

Cheating will NOT be tolerated. Group studying and working on homework in groups is encouraged; however, directly copying other’s work is plagiarism and will be punished harshly. Any attempts to cheat in any way, shape, or form will result in an E for the course and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.