

## **Economics 10 - Fall 2002**

### **Markets**

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### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to the way in which economists view a broad range of current issues. We will examine issues commonly considered economic issues such as unemployment, inflation, and international trade. We will also have a chance to look more closely at issues that you have more direct experience with, such as education, housing, and health care. Finally, we will look into issues that are currently popular with protestors around the world, such as poverty, environmental degradation, agriculture, and globalization.

### **Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites for Economics 10.

### **Texts**

The required text for this class is Economic Issues and Policy, Second Edition by Jacqueline Murray Brux and Janna L. Cowen. The study guide to accompany this text is not required, but since economics is a discipline best learned through practice, I strongly recommend it.

### **Course Readings**

We will be covering chapters 1-3, 5, 7-11, 14, 15, and 17 from the Brux and Cowen text. The reading assignments for each lecture are outlined in the class schedule below. Lectures will focus on the more difficult material in the readings, but you will be responsible for all of the material in each chapter. You will get a lot more out of this class if you read the required chapters before each lecture.

### **Attendance**

Class attendance is an individual student responsibility. Although daily attendance is not recorded, frequent absences may adversely impact performance, because I will often provide examples during lectures that don't appear in the textbook but are fair game for examination.

### **Review Questions**

Review questions for each chapter will be posted on the class website. You are encouraged to work through these questions with your classmates since you will see similar questions on exams. These questions will not be collected and will not be graded.



## Examinations

Two midterm exams and one final exam will be given in this course. The midterm exams will be given in class on **October 21, 2002** and **November 13, 2002**. The final exam will be given on **December 13, 2002 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.** All three exams will be comprised of long-answer and multiple-choice questions. No calculators, study aids, books, or notes will be allowed in the exam.

Midterm exams will be administered at the beginning of the class and will last exactly fifty (50) minutes. Students who arrive late will not receive extra time to complete their exam.

The final exam will last exactly three (3) hours. Once a student completes the final exam, then no other student will be permitted to start the exam.

All exams must be given at the scheduled time and place; they can not be given "early". If you have three or more exams scheduled for that day, see your respective Provost for guidance.

Any student suspected of cheating on an exam will be brought to the attention of the Dean.

## Missed Examinations

**No make-up exams will be given in this class.** Students who miss a midterm exam without a university accepted excuse will receive a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam. Students who miss a midterm with a university accepted excuse will have the weight of the final exam increased accordingly. You must take the final exam to receive a grade in this course.

Excuses for missed exams must be **pre-approved** by the instructor (except when this is not possible in an **emergency** situation). Students who make initial contact after the exam will have to document why they could not make contact prior to the exam. In addition, any student who misses an exam due to physical illness will be required to provide documentation from a health care professional indicating why the student was physically unable to take the exam. All documentation and an additional signed written statement explaining the relevant circumstances of the absence must be provided to the instructor within two working days of the student's return to campus. Failure to comply with any of the above in the specified manner will result in a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam.

## Grading

Numerical grades will be assigned as follows:

Midterm I	=	20%
Midterm II	=	30%
Final Exam	=	50%
Total	=	100%

Letter grades will be allocated using the following breakdown:

Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-
Numerical Range	87%-100%	82%-86%	77%-81%	74%-76%	70%-73%
Letter	C+	C	C-	D	F
Numerical Range	67%-69%	64%-66%	60%-63%	50%-59%	0%-49%



## Class Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
September	27	Introduction and Chapter 1
	30	Chapter 1
October	2	Chapter 1
	4	Chapter 2
	7	Chapter 2
	9	Chapter 2
	11	Chapter 3
	14	Chapter 3
	16	Chapter 5
	18	Chapter 5
	21	<b>Midterm I (Chapters 1-3, 5)</b>
	23	Chapter 7
	25	Chapter 7
November	28	Chapter 8
	30	Chapter 8
	1	Chapter 9
	4	Chapter 9
	6	Chapter 10
	8	Chapter 10
	11	<i>University Holiday – Class and Office Hours Cancelled</i>
	13	<b>Midterm II (Chapters 1-3, 5, 7-10)</b>
	15	Chapter 11
	18	Chapter 11
	20	Chapter 11
	22	Chapter 14
	25	Chapter 14
	27	Chapters 15
	29	<i>University Holiday – Class and Office Hours Cancelled</i>
December	2	Chapter 15
	4	Chapter 17
	6	Chapter 17
	13	<b>Final Exam (Chapters 1-3, 5, 7-11, 14, 15, and 17)</b>