

**Economics 130: Public Policy**  
**Summer I, 2018**  
**TR 11:00-1:50, WLH 2115**

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**TA:** We have no TA this summer

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**Course Description:** This course will focus on applying basic microeconomic theory to issues in public policy. The goal is to develop a set of policy analysis tools that will allow you to better understand the important policy issues of our time. *Prerequisites: Economics 1A-B or 1-2.*

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**Course Requirements:** There will be graded homework, one midterm exam and one cumulative final exam.

| Requirement  | Date   | Percent of Grade |
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| Midterm Exam | Thursday, July 19                                      | 40%              |
| Final Exam   | <b>Saturday, August 4, 11:30am-2:29pm</b> Location TBA | 60%              |

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**Text:** There is no required textbook for this course. As a supplement to lectures, you may wish to consult any of the high-quality Principles of Microeconomics textbooks available on the market.

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**Grades:** Grades will be assigned based on relative performance in the course. At the end of the course, I will place all students in rank order based on total points accumulated and assign grades based on relative standing in that distribution.

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**Approximate Outline:**

We will work problems from previous exams during each lecture. You are strongly encouraged to work through these problems as if your grade depended on it.

July 3: Introduction and Review of Microeconomics  
July 5: Foundations of Economics Analysis  
July 10: Supply and Demand  
July 12: Labor Markets  
July 17: Market Structures  
**July 19: Midterm Exam**  
July 24: Political Economy  
July 26: Property Rights and the Environment  
July 31: Special Interests  
August 2: Conclusion  
**August 4: Final Exam**

**Note:** This outline is a rough approximation and is subject to change.

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