

## **Syllabus for Econ 100CH**

**Spring 2012**

**Prof. Forbes**

### **Course Outline:**

This course will cover the Nobel Prize Lectures of some of the recent winners of the prize. Many of the works we cover are closely related to the Econ 100C curriculum.

All students are required to study the assigned lectures. The Nobel Prize Committee makes videos of these lectures available at

[http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/economics/video\\_lectures.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/economics/video_lectures.html)

We will study two of these lectures each week. (Each lecture is between 30-60 min long.) For additional background (**optional**), you can view some of the interviews with the Prize Winners at

[http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/economics/video\\_interviews.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/economics/video_interviews.html)

### **Assignments:**

Students are expected to come to class prepared with a set of three discussion questions and brief outlines of answers for each Prize lecture. You will be randomly selected to read one of your discussion questions and lead the discussion on it.

### **Topics:**

Week 2	Ronald Coase (1991) and Paul Krugman (2008)  [For Coase's lecture, there is no video. The transcript is at <a href="http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/economics/laureates/1991/coase-lecture.html">http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/economics/laureates/1991/coase-lecture.html</a> ]
Week 3	James Heckman and Daniel McFadden (2000)
Week 4	George Akerlof and Michael Spence (2001)
Week 5	Joseph Stiglitz (2001) and Daniel Kahnemann (2002)
Week 6	Robert Engle and Clive Granger (2003)
Week 7	Eric Maskin and Roger Myerson (2007)
Week 8	Elinor Ostrom and Oliver Williamson (2009)
Week 9	Peter Diamond and Dale Mortensen (2010)
Week 10	Christopher Sims and Thomas Sargent (2011)

### **Grading:**

Grading is based on in-class participation, including the prepared discussion questions.

**There is no final exam for the class.**