

Econ 2
Winter 2005
Course Syllabus

Text:

Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, Second edition, 2004, McGraw-Hill Irwin.

Course website:

<http://weber.ucsd.edu/~jhamilto/econ2.html>

To drop or add the course or change discussion section:

Sequoyah Hall Room 245 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Course meets:

M-W-F 10:00-10:50 a.m. in Price Theatre

Instructor:

James Hamilton

Office hours in Room 307 of Econ Building, Tues 1:30-2:30 and Fri 11:30-12:30

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Exam dates:

First exam: Wed Jan 26 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Second exam: Wed Feb 23 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Final exam (cumulative): Tues March 15, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

No one can leave exam room during an exam

Course grade:

We will calculate for each student one point total that puts a weight of 25% on first exam, 25% on second exam, and 50% on final. We will then calculate a second point total that puts a weight of 25% on the best of the first two exams and 75% on the final. Student's grade will be based on the higher of the two numbers. There are no make-up exams—a missed exam automatically commits a student to the second option.

Special dates:

Jan 3-7: discussion sections will not meet the first week of class

Fri Jan 7: no instructor office hours or class

Mon Jan 17: no class or discussion sections

~~Tues Feb 25: no class or discussion sections 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.~~

Fri Feb 25: class will meet in York 2722

Tues Feb 22: extra instructor office hours 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Fri March 11: extra instructor office hours 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tentative Daily Schedule (exam dates are fixed regardless)

- Mon Jan 3: **Chapter 7-- Efficiency and Exchange** (review from Econ 1)
Wed Jan 5: Chapter 7 (continued)
Fri Jan 7: no scheduled class
Mon Jan 10: **Chapter 9-- Monopoly and Other Forms of Imperfect Competition**
Wed Jan 12: Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Jan 14: Chapter 9 (continued)
Mon Jan 17: no scheduled class
Wed Jan 19: Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Jan 21: **Chapter 10—Thinking Strategically**
Mon Jan 24: Chapter 10 (continued)
Wed Jan 26: **First exam**
Fri Jan 28: **Chapter 11: Externalities and Property Rights**
Mon Jan 31: Chapter 11 (continued)
Wed Feb 2: Chapter 11 (continued)
Fri Feb 4: **Chapter 12: The Economics of Information**
Mon Feb 7: Chapter 12 (continued)
Wed Feb 9: **Chapter 13: Labor Markets, Poverty, and Income Distribution**
Fri Feb 11: Chap 13 (continued)
Mon Feb 14: **Chapter 14: The Environment, Health, and Safety**
Wed Feb 16: Chapter 14 (continued)
Fri Feb 18: Chapter 14 (continued)
Mon Feb 21: no scheduled class
Wed Feb 23: **Second exam**
Fri Feb 25: **Chapter 15: Public Goods and Tax Policy** [class meets in York 2722]
Mon Feb 28: Chapter 15 (continued)
Wed Mar 2: **Chapter 16: International Trade and Trade Policy**
Fri Mar 4: Chapter 16 (continued)
Mon Mar 7: Chapter 16 (continued)
Wed Mar 9: **Chapter 29: Exchange Rates and the Open Economy** (pp. 779-793 only)
Fri Mar 11: Chapter 29 (continued)
Tues Mar 15: **Final exam** (cumulative), 8:00-11:00 a.m.