

Econ 2
Winter 2011 Course Syllabus

Text:

Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, Fourth edition, 2009, McGraw-Hill Irwin, UCSD Custom Edition.

Course website:

<http://dss.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 11:00-11:50 a.m.

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Exam dates:

First exam (Chapters 7 and 9): Wed Jan 26 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Second exam (Chapters 10, 11, and 12): Wed Feb 23 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Final exam (Chapters 7, 9-15): Mon March 14 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

No notes, blank paper, or calculators allowed during exam

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:

Mon Jan 17: no class or discussion sections

Wed-Fri Jan 26-28: class meets but discussion sections will not

Mon Feb 21: no class or discussion sections

Wed-Fri Feb 23-25: class meets but discussion sections will not

Tentative Daily Schedule (exam dates are fixed regardless)

Mon Jan 3: **Chapter 7-- Efficiency and Exchange** (review)
Wed Jan 5: Chapter 7 (continued)
Fri Jan 7: **Chapter 9-- Monopoly, Oligopoly, and Monopolistic Competition**
Mon Jan 10: Chapter 9 (continued)
Wed Jan 12: Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Jan 14: Chapter 9 (continued)
Mon Jan 17: University holiday (no class or discussion sections)
Wed Jan 19: Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Jan 21: **Chapter 10-- Games and Strategic Behavior**
Mon Jan 24: Chapter 10 (continued)
Wed Jan 26: **First exam (Chapters 7 and 9)**
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 11 (continued)
Mon Feb 7: **Chapter 12: The Economics of Information**
Wed Feb 9: Chapter 12 (continued)
Fri Feb 11: Chapter 12 (continued)
Mon Feb 14: Chapter 12 (continued)
Wed Feb 16: **Chapter 13: Labor Markets, Poverty, and Income Distribution**
Fri Feb 18: Chapter 13 (continued)
Mon Feb 21: University holiday (no class or discussion sections)
Wed Feb 23: **Second exam (Chapters 10-12)**
Fri Feb 25: Chapter 13 (continued)
Mon Feb 28: Chapter 13 (continued)
Wed Mar 2: **Chapter 14: The Environment, Health, and Safety**
Fri Mar 4: Chapter 14 (continued)
Mon Mar 7: Chapter 14 (continued)
Wed Mar 9: **Chapter 15: Public Goods and Tax Policy**
Fri Mar 11: Chapter 15 (continued)
Mon Mar 14: **Final exam** (Chapters 7 and 9-15), 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.