

COURSE;	ECON 1010	Social Economics	Fall 2013
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CREDIT:	3 Semester Hours		CRN 40853
CLASS SCHEDULE:	Tues & Thurs 7:30-8:50 am		UHB 218
TEXT:	<i>Issues in Economics Today</i> , 6 th Edition by Robert C, Guell		

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Fulfills General Education Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement. Does not fulfill School of Business degree requirements. Offers an introduction to the economic theories of limited resources, consumer and producer choice, competition and monopoly, labor, capital, resource markets, government policies & regulations, and income distribution in order to understand and appreciate the ideas, processes, dynamics, and institutions that underlie social and economic systems.

OBJECTIVE:

To become fluent in basic economic terms and concepts as they relate to our personal and collective stewardship of our earthly home resources. After taking this course, students should be able to use the terms and concepts they learn to better analyze the world around them, and how they fit into it, in very practical ways.

30 Class Periods

Attendance is critical if you hope to benefit from this course. Though I don't require that you read the textbook, I recommend that you read the chapters if you are struggling with the concepts that we discuss in class, or if you miss a lecture regarding a certain topic.

8 Quizzes 80 pts.

Quizzes are given about every 3rd class period. All questions are essay form since my teaching method is designed to open your conceptual mind, not just draw on your memory in multiple-choice fashion. I treat quizzes as quality feedback on how well I am teaching, and how well you are grasping key concepts. You should do the same, and correct areas where your understanding fell short. The quizzes are designed to prepare you for the Midterm and Final Exams.

2 Article Assignments 20 pts.

Twice during the year, you are required to submit a one page written summary of a news article from a newspaper, the Internet or any other professional source relating to a current local, national, or international economic issue. The article clipping will also need to be submitted. Your single-page summary should outline, in your own words the essence of the articles main message. You will lose points if your summary merely parrots the article without absorbing or grasping the idea. Please also note any biases by the author and articulate any of your own biases regarding the topic. You will also be required to give an in-class 1-minute oral summary of you article selection. You will not be allowed to read from the article to encourage you to tell the essence of the message in your own words.

1 Biography Report 50 pts.

Select a biographical source of at least 100 pages of someone who has made a significant contribution. The written report should be at least 4-5 pages outlining the major events of the person's life and contribution. Your report should also outline what important economic principles were at play in the person's life, and what inspired you the most. This assignment includes a 5-minute oral book report to your classmates. Your grade will be effected by how well you grasped, and can articulate in your own words, the story of the person you selected.

1 Midterm Exam 50pts

The Midterm exams will be essay questions only, which will require understanding of topics discussed, not just memorization.

1 Final Exam 100 pts.

Like the Midterm, the Final exam will be essay questions only, and will cover the main topics of the entire course.

Extra Credit 30pts

Up to 3 additional article assignments (summary + oral presentation) could serve as extra credit if you miss a quiz or need to make up points. Extra credit articles may be submitted any time throughout the semester AFTER your two assigned articles have been submitted. Articles submitted after the beginning of the last day of class on December 5, 2013, will not receive credit

GRADING:	300 points total										
Pts.	282	270	261	252	240	231	222	210	201	192	180
%	94%	90%	87%	84%	80%	77%	74%	70%	67%	64%	60%
Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-

MISSED ATTENDANCE, QUIZES, EXAMS & ASSIGNMENTS

DSC policy found at <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/523.html>

Missed attendance: Obtain class notes from canvas, and/or study the chapter carefully.

Missed quizzes: There are three ways to benefit from any quizzes you don't take either because you missed class or were late during the time it was given:

1. **PLANNED:** Let me know prior to the quiz the reason you won't be in attendance, and arrange a time to take the quiz in my office during the same week the quiz was given in class. Full credit can be earned
2. **ACCIDENTAL:** Arrange to take the quiz in my office the same week it was given. 75% credit can be obtained. This needs to be the exception, not the rule.
3. **OUT OF CONTROL:** If you did not arrange to take the quiz during the week it was given, you should still obtain a copy of the missed quiz to stay up to date on the concepts emphasized. You may submit the quiz to me after you take it at home. I will still grade it to help you prepare for the midterm and final exams, though you will receive not grade on the quiz.

Missed Exams: If it is necessary due to an extreme circumstance to miss the Midterm Exam, make arrangements with me before hand to find a suitable solution for full credit. Otherwise, you will have one week to take the exam in my office for 75% credit. If you fail to arrange for either of these two options, you may still obtain a copy of the Midterm Exam and submit it to me to see how you would have done to help you prepare for the final. The Final Exam will need to be taken during the Final Exam Week at the testing center required by DSU.

Missed Assignments: You will be given 1 week following the due date of an article assignment to submit your article, single page summary and give your oral report for 75% credit. Biography reports will receive no credit if they are submitted after the last day of class. They may receive up to 75% credit if they are turned in on Dec 5th rather than when they are due on Dec 3rd.

OFFICE HOURS:

My office is HAZY #333. I will be in my office 1 hour following each class period. You are welcome to drop in during that time or arrange with me another time that fits your schedule. You may also call or text me on my cell phone (801) 910 1486.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY/INTEGRITY POLICY & DISRUPTIVE POLICY

I fully support DSC policy found at Dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec3/334.html. A copy is attached to this syllabus FYI.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

Participation, alertness, honesty, thoughtful questions, and focus are encouraged and expected behavior. Mutual respect is required. Disruptive activity is not respectful to the instructor nor to fellow students, and will not be tolerated in my classroom.

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CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES
 FALL 2013

MO	DATE	Topic	TOPIC	CHAPTER	ASSIGNMENTS DUE	QUIZZES & EXAMS
AUG	20	1	Intro: Famous Economists			
	22	2	Opportunity Cost	1		
	27	3	Education	34		
	29	4	Supply & Demand	2	Biography Selection & Approval	Q1
SEP	3	5	Health Care	23		
	5	6	Affordable Care Act	24&26		
	10	7	Price Elasticity & Surplus	3		Q2
	12	8	International Trade	17		
	17	9	Unions	41		
	19	10	GAME: Settlers of Catan			Q3
	24	11	Production/Cost/Revenue	4		
	26		PRESENTATIONS		1st Article	
OCT	1	12	Competition vs. Monopoly	5		Q4
	3	13	Energy	38		
	8		MID TERM EXAM		Biography Update	MIDTERM
	10		FALL BREAK			
	15	14	Macro Economics	6		
	17	15	Environment	22		
	22	16	Interest rates & Present Value	7		Q5
	24	17	Borrowing & Investing			
	29	18	Aggregate Supply & Demand	8		
	31		PRESENTATIONS		2nd Article	
NOV	5	19	US Constitution & Free Markets			Q6
	7	20	Bubbles & Business Cycles	13		
	12	21	Fiscal Policy	9		
	14	22	Monetary Policy	10		
	19	23	Recessions/Depressions	14		Q7
	21	24	Federal Spending	11		
	26	25	National Debt	12		
	28		THANKSGIVNIG			
DEC	3		PRESENTATIONS		Biography Due	Q8
	5		PRESENTATIONS			
						FINAL

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE OF UTAH
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Section: **3-Faculty**

Policy No: **34**

Approved: **9/26/96**

Policy: **ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE**

3-34 ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

34.1 Cheating: Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated at Dixie State College, including but not limited to plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes. Teachers at Dixie State College may discipline students proven guilty of academic dishonesty by:

34.1.1 Giving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty occurred,

34.1.2 Failing the student in the entire course,

34.1.3 Immediately dismissing and removing the student from the course, and/or

34.1.4 Referring the student to Student Affairs, a committee which may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, and/or expel the student.

34.2 Disruptive Behavior: Teachers at Dixie State College have the right to manage the classroom environment to ensure a good learning climate. Toward this end, teachers (or college security) may dismiss and remove disruptive students from individual class activities. If a student's behavior continues to disrupt class activities, the teacher may dismiss and cause the removal of disruptive students from their course.

34.3 Student Appeals: Students who believe themselves wrongfully disciplined may appeal those disciplinary actions through the standard grievance procedure. (Policy 5-35)

Disability: Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring reasonable academic adjustment, accommodations, or auxiliary aids to be successful in this class will need to contact the DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER Coordinator (Baako Wahabu) for eligibility determination. Proper documentation of impairment is required in order to receive services or accommodations. DRC is located at the ground floor of the Financial Aid Office. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule appointment to discuss the process. DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

Your DMAIL Account: Important class and college information will be sent to your Dmail account. This information includes your DSC bill, financial aid/scholarship notices, notification of dropped classes, reminders of important dates and events, and other information critical to your success in this class and at DSC. All DSC students are automatically assigned a Dmail account. If you don't know your user name and password, go to www.dixie.edu and select "Dmail" for complete instructions. You will be held responsible for information sent to your Dmail account, so please check it often.