ECONOMICS OF SOCIAL ISSUES – Fall 2017
ECO 1101
Section 091

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Economic issues without emphasis on theoretical models. Contemporary economic issues such as pollution control, healthcare, unemployment and crime are studied. A student is ineligible to take this course if credit has already been received for either ECON 2101 or ECON 2102. Economic issues without emphasis on theoretical models. Contemporary economic issues such as pollution control, healthcare, unemployment and crime are studied. A student is ineligible to take this course if credit has already been received for either ECON 2101 or ECON 2102.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
This course provides students with a very basic knowledge of micro and macroeconomics and enables students to apply this basic knowledge to numerous current “real-world” social issues. This course satisfies a Social Science requirement under the Inquiry in the Sciences section of the General Education Requirements. Along with other course objectives, this course will help the student develop problem-solving skills; skills associated with independent thinking; and will address social, political and global issues using tools of economic analysis.

TEXTBOOKS

GRADES & EXAM POLICIES
Grades consist of four exams and a comprehensive final exam. All exams are equally weighted. At the end of the semester, I will drop a single exam score. Letter grades are assigned using a standard 10 point grading scale. 90% and above for an A, 80% and above for a B, 70% and above for a C, 60% and above for a D. Anything less is failing. At the end of the semester, I will round final averages to the nearest whole number, otherwise grades are recorded as accurate as mathematics allows. To that end, a final average of 69.49 is a D.

Extra credit opportunities are assigned in class and must be submitted before the due dates. These assignments will be the only opportunities given.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance is taken regularly each week by a sign-in sheet. Regular class attendance is often required to remain entitled to financial aid, veterans' benefits and/or scholarships. Please note, students that stop attending mid-semester are not automatically removed from the class. That must be done by the student.
WITHDRAWALS
When a student determines that he/she will be unable to complete courses in which he/she is currently enrolled, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate procedures leading to a formal withdrawal ("W") in order to avoid a failing ("F") grade.
https://provost.uncc.edu/policies/academic/withdrawals

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of the UNCC Code of Student Academic Integrity. The Code forbids cheating, fabrication, falsification, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Academic evaluation in this course includes a judgment that the student's work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; grades should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students violating the Code can be expelled from UNCC. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases the course grade is reduced to F. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Aug 21  Ch 01: Introduction & Ch 02: Trade-Offs, Comparative Adv. and the Market System
Aug 28  Ch 03: Where Prices Come From
Sept 4  ---Labor Day (no class)---
Sept 11  • Exam 1
Sept 18  Ch 04: Market Efficiency and Market Failures
Sept 25  Ch 05: The Economics of Health Care
Oct 2  Ch 07: Consumer Choice and Elasticity
Oct 9  ---Fall Break (no class)---
Oct 16  • Exam 2
Oct 23  Ch 12: GDP: Measuring Total Production and Income
Oct 30  Ch 13: Unemployment and Inflation
Nov 6  • Exam 3
Nov 13  Ch 14: Economic Growth, the Financial System and the Business Cycle
Nov 20  Ch 15: Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand
Nov 27  Ch 19: Comparative Advantage, International Trade and Exchange Rates
Dec 4  • Exam 4
Dec 11  • Final Exam (from 8:00 – 10:30pm)

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