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Course Website: http://canvas.uncc.edu (All course materials are available on Canvas)  
MyEconLab Site: http://www.myeconlab.com  
Course name: ECON 1101-002: Economics of Social Issues  
Course ID: crimmins58791  

Access Required!  

Textbook: Economic Analysis of Social Issues  
Author: Alan Grant  
Publisher: Pearson

Course Description: Economic issues without principles-level emphasis on theoretical models. Contemporary economic issues may include international issues, recession, poverty, social security, taxes, and crime. A student is ineligible to take this course if credit has already been received for either ECON 2101 or ECON 2102.

This class will be partial-lecture class. Students are expected to have read and prepared to discuss the chapter being covered in class BEFORE the class session. The instructor will lead a class discussion over the main themes of the chapter, however the entirety of the material will be the responsibility of the student through reading the text.

Course Objectives: 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 to develop problem-solving skills; skills associated with independent thinking; and will address social, political, and global issues using tools of economic analysis.

Course Policies

Academic Integrity: Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNC Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity. (This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty.) Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student’s work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. 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. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

Diversity: The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but
is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

**Academic Accommodations:** UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office at Fretwell 230.

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken each day in class. Attendance counts for 5% of your final grade. Each class missed after 2 will reduce the attendance grade by 1%; e.g., if you miss 3 class periods your attendance will count for 4% of your final grade. When attending, students are expected to arrive on time and stay the entire class period. It is expected that you will conduct yourself in a professional manner during class by being attentive.

You do not need to notify me when you will be missing class for doctor appointments, court dates, or any other reason. When missing class, students will be responsible for all information and materials presented in class, and are expected to obtain class notes or assignments from other students in the class. In other words, your primary source of information is the classroom – if something is announced in class I am under no obligation to also post that information online or notify the class via e-mail.

**Make-up work:** There are NO makeup quizzes, NO makeup homework assignments. Make up tests will only be provided for students who are representing the university during the exam or have missed an exam due to an absence vetted and cleared by the Dean of Students Office. If a student is participating in university business during a scheduled exam, the student must provide the instructor with a written statement from university officials validating the activity before the exam. If a student misses the test for a valid reason the Dean of Students Office verifies, the Dean of Students Office must provide a leniency request letter to the instructor before a make up exam will be provided to the student.

**Contacting Instructor:** Please feel free to email me at kcrimmi1@uncc.edu. I will respond within 24 hours. Also, I will have office hours in 218A of the Friday Building at the times listed above.

**Electronic Devices:** Please put away all cell phones and computers before class begins. If you are expecting a life-or death phone call, let me know.

**Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather that closes the university the day of a scheduled test, the test is automatically rescheduled for the next class meeting. In the event of inclement weather, I will assess the safety of traveling to class and make an appropriate decision that balances safety and class obligations. I recommend that you do the same. If possible, I will notify you prior to the regular class time. (You are advised to save your free absence for the possibility of inclement weather as well as other unforeseen contingencies).

**Grading**

**Homework:** Homework constitutes 25% of the final grade. Required homework assignments will be completed and submitted through MyEconLab. The homework assignments are intended to help you learn the material. The worst mistake students make in doing homework is to wait until the last minute, just before the time limit expires, to try and cram in the assignment without actually learning anything. DO NOT miss your deadlines – I will not extend any deadlines. If the homework is turned in late, there will be a 30% reduction of the assignment’s final grade.

You have an unlimited number of attempts to complete the homework successfully. I know the strategy with assignments like these is usually to just click on answers until you get the right one and move on. That won’t help you learn. I will not lecture on all the material in class, so it is in your best interest to read
the book before and during the homework and to fully engage in the other helpful tools available in MyEconLab. You should also be proactive about asking for help with concepts that aren’t clear and studying with your classmates.

All **late** homework must be submitted by the night before the class takes Test 4. Your lowest homework grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes constitute 20% of the final grade. Required quizzes will be completed and submitted through MyEconLab. The quizzes are intended to see how prepared you are for a test on the material. You have three attempts to complete each quiz. Quizzes are intended to be completed in one setting. If you begin a quiz and close it before submitting it for a grade, you will be allowed back in, but you will not have access to questions you have already viewed. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. **DO NOT** miss your deadlines – I will not extend any deadlines.

**Tests and Final Exam:** There will be four tests (each 100 points). Each exam will be comprised of multiple choice questions and will be taken using Opscan forms. Students should be prepared for the tests by bringing a calculator and pencils (cell phones ≠ calculators). Test grades will be made available either via e-mail or on MyEconLab or both. Please note, students are not allowed to leave the classroom and return during an exam, so please take care of personal business before entering the room for the exam. Students who arrive late for tests and/or the final examination will be permitted to take the test or exam provided that no student has turned in their paper prior to the student’s arrival. Once a paper has been turned in, late arriving students will not be permitted to begin the test or exam. A student who begins a test or exam late will not be given extra time at the end of the regular test or examination period.

**TEST SCHEDULE** (Test dates are firm)
Test 1 – Thursday, February 2nd
Test 2 – Thursday, March 2nd
Test 3 – Tuesday, April 4th
Test 4 – Thursday, May 11th, 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Grade Calculation: Your grade is computed with the following formula:

\[ \text{Average(\%)} = (\text{Test Avg}) \times 50\% + (\text{Homework Avg}) \times 25\% + (\text{Quiz Avg}) \times 20\% + (\text{Attendance}) 5\% \]

Your course grade is determined by the following scale in percentage (your overall grade will be rounded to the nearest whole number):

- A = 90 or above
- B = 80 – 89
- C = 70 – 79
- D = 60 – 69
- F = below 60