

ECON 138: The Economics of Discrimination

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Course overview: This course will investigate differences in economic outcomes on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. We will study economic theories of discrimination, empirical work testing those theories, and policies aimed at alleviating group-level differences in economic outcomes. This course is also designed to teach students how to discuss controversial topics in a respectful, informed and inclusive manner, both through explicit instruction and by modeling respectful, informed and inclusive discussions in class.

Course elements and grades:

Course element	Percent
In-Class iClicker Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Graded only on participation. You receive 100% for each class in which you click in at least 75% of the time.2 lowest classes automatically dropped	5%
In-Class Reading Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">You will be assigned one lecture for which you must be prepared to discuss that day's reading.The TAs will randomly assign you to a lecture, and we will randomly call on you during that lecture.You receive 100% for being present and prepared.	5%
In-Class Quizzes <ul style="list-style-type: none">At the start of each class, there will be a short multiple-choice quiz about that day's reading2 lowest quiz scores automatically dropped	10%
MobLab Games <ul style="list-style-type: none">Graded only on participation. For each survey or game, you get 100% if you participate.	5%
Out-of-class Writing Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none">Writing assignment 1: due April 16th at the start of class (5%)Writing assignment 2: due May 21st at the start of class (5%)Visit the UCSD Writing Center twice (5%)	15%
Midterm 1: Monday, April 30 th , in class*	25%
Midterm 2: Monday, June 4 th , in class*	25%
Final exam: take-home essay exam due Friday, June 15 th at 10pm*	10%

* The dates of the midterms and final exam are **NOT NEGOTIABLE**

Required Learning Materials

- iClicker: can be purchased on Amazon for \$45.
- MobLab account for \$7 (visit moblab.com and enter course code *a7knj8ct3*)
- All other readings will be posted on the course web page

Course webpage: triton.ucsd.edu

NOTE: You MUST register your iClicker on the course webpage

- YES! Even if you have registered your clicker for another class.
- Click on **Register Your iClicker Remote ID** in the course menu.
- You have until Sunday, April 15th to register your iClicker or you will not receive credit for any of your clicker responses all quarter!

Laptop policy: No laptops unless we are doing a MobLab game.

Question policy:

- If you have a content-related question (i.e. you have a question about one of the theories of discrimination discussed in class), then please visit us (either the Professors or the TAs) during office hours.
- If you have a question about course logistics (i.e. you are unclear about how to sign up for MobLab), then please post your question on the class discussion board on TritonEd. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours, then please email either Professor Antonovics or Professor Bharadwaj.

Academic integrity: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Integrity Coordinator. In addition to the penalties imposed by the Academic Integrity Review Board, **we also reserve the right to fail students found guilty of academic misconduct.**

The following are *a few* examples of academic dishonesty in this class:

1. Using someone else's clicker in class
2. Having anyone other than yourself complete an assignment for you
3. Having anyone other than yourself give you answers to an assignment
3. Using unauthorized materials in an exam or quiz
4. Looking at another student's answers during an exam or quiz
5. Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you
6. Lying about having taken an exam or completing an assignment

Administrative issues:

1. If you have a documented disability, please to talk to one of the OSD liaisons in Sequoyah Hall 245 as soon as possible. If you believe that you have a disability and desire accommodation, please register with the Office for Students with Disabilities.
2. If you need to miss a midterm for a verifiable medical/legal/sports reason, you must notify us as soon as possible. Failure to notify us promptly that you must miss a midterm

will result in a zero grade for that midterm. Unexcused absences will also result in a zero.

3. If you arrive late to an exam, we will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in his/ her exam and left the room*. Once a classmate has turned in his/her exam, you will earn a zero on the test if you arrive late.
4. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245.
5. Midterms and exams that you do not pick up will be kept for 30 days following the end of the course and then thrown away (at which point your scores cannot be disputed).