

Econ 2  
Winter 2007  
Course Syllabus

Text:

Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, Third edition, 2006, McGraw-Hill Irwin.

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 10:00-10:50 a.m. in Price Theatre

Instructor:

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Office hours in Room 307 of Econ Building, Tues 2:00-3:00 and Fri 11:00-12:00

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Exam dates:

First exam: Wed Jan 31 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Second exam: Wed Feb 21 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Final exam (cumulative): Fri March 23, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

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:

- Jan 8-12: discussion sections will not meet the first week of class
- Mon Jan 15: no class or discussion sections
- Fri Jan 26: no class or instructor office hours (10-12) but discussion sections will meet in the afternoon
- Tue Jan 30: special instructor office hours 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Sequoiah 244
- Fri Feb 2: class meets in morning, but no discussion sections in afternoon
- Mon Feb 19: no class or discussion sections
- Tue Feb 20: special instructor office hours 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Sequoiah 244
- Fri Feb 23: class meets in morning, but no discussion sections in afternoon
- Fri Mar 16: special instructor office hours 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Sequoiah 244

Tentative Daily Schedule (exam dates are fixed regardless)

- Mon Jan 8: **Chapter 7-- Efficiency and Exchange** (review from Econ 1)
- Wed Jan 10: Chapter 7 (continued)
- Fri Jan 12: **Chapter 10-- Monopoly and Other Forms of Imperfect Competition**
- Mon Jan 15: University holiday (no scheduled class or discussion sections)
- Wed Jan 17: Chapter 10 (continued)
- Fri Jan 19: Chapter 10 (continued)
- Mon Jan 22: Chapter 10 (continued)
- Wed Jan 24: Chapter 10 (continued)
- Fri Jan 26: No morning class, discussion sections will meet in afternoon
- Mon Jan 29: **Chapter 11—Strategic Choices**
- Wed Jan 31: **First exam**
- Fri Feb 2: Chapter 11 (continued)
- Mon Feb 5: **Chapter 12: Externalities and Property Rights**
- Wed Feb 7: Chapter 12 (continued)
- Fri Feb 9: Chapter 12 (continued)
- Mon Feb 12: Chapter 12 (continued)
- Wed Feb 14: **Chapter 13: The Economics of Information**
- Fri Feb 16: Chapter 13 (continued)
- Mon Feb 19: University holiday (no scheduled class or discussion sections)
- Wed Feb 21: **Second exam**
- Fri Feb 23: **Chapter 14: Labor Markets, Poverty, and Income Distribution**
- Mon Feb 26: Chapter 14 (continued)
- Wed Feb 28: Chapter 14 (continued)
- Fri Mar 2: Chapter 14 (continued)
- Mon Mar 5: **Chapter 15: The Environment, Health, and Safety**
- Wed Mar 7: Chapter 15 (continued)
- Fri Mar 9: **Chapter 16: Public Goods and Tax Policy**
- Mon Mar 12: Chapter 16 (continued)
- Wed Mar 14: **Chapter 30: Exchange Rates and the Open Economy**
- Fri Mar 16: Chapter 30 (continued)
- Fri Mar 23: **Final exam** (cumulative), 8:00-11:00 a.m.