

Econ 2
Winter 2009 Course Syllabus

Text:

Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, Fourth edition, 2009, 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 9:00-9:50 a.m. in 108 Peterson

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Exam dates:

First exam: Wed Jan 28 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Second exam: Wed Feb 25 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Final exam (cumulative): Wed March 18 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:

- Mon Jan 19: no class or discussion sections
- Tues Jan 27: extra professor office hours 1:30-3:20 in Sequoyah Hall 231
- Wed-Fri Jan 28-30: class meets but discussion sections will not
- Mon Feb 16: no class or discussion sections
- Tues Feb 24: extra professor office hours 1:30-3:20 in Sequoyah Hall 231
- Wed-Fri Feb 25-27: class meets but discussion sections will not
- Tues March 17: extra professor office hours 1:30-3:20 in Sequoyah Hall 231

Tentative Daily Schedule (exam dates are fixed regardless)

- Mon Jan 5: **Organizational meeting**
- Wed Jan 7: **Chapter 7-- Efficiency and Exchange** (review)
- Fri Jan 9: **Chapter 9-- Monopoly, Oligopoly, and Monopolistic Competition**
- Mon Jan 12: Chapter 9 (continued)
- Wed Jan 14: Chapter 9 (continued)
- Fri Jan 16: Chapter 9 (continued)
- Mon Jan 19: University holiday (no class or discussion sections)
- Wed Jan 21: Chapter 9 (continued)
- Fri Jan 23: **Chapter 10-- Games and Strategic Behavior**
- Mon Jan 26: Chapter 10 (continued)
- Wed Jan 28: **First exam**
- Fri Jan 30: **Chapter 11: Externalities and Property Rights**
- Mon Feb 2: Chapter 11 (continued)
- Wed Feb 4: Chapter 11 (continued)
- Fri Feb 6: Chapter 11 (continued)
- Mon Feb 9: **Chapter 12: The Economics of Information**
- Wed Feb 11: Chapter 12 (continued)
- Fri Feb 13: **Chapter 13: Labor Markets, Poverty, and Income Distribution**
- Mon Feb 16: University holiday (no scheduled class or discussion sections)
- Wed Feb 18: Chapter 13 (continued)
- Fri Feb 20: Chapter 13 (continued)
- Mon Feb 23: Chapter 13 (continued)
- Wed Feb 25: **Second exam**
- Fri Feb 27: **Chapter 14: The Environment, Health, and Safety**
- Mon Mar 2: Chapter 14 (continued)
- Wed Mar 4: **Chapter 15: Public Goods and Tax Policy**
- Fri Mar 6: Chapter 15 (continued)
- Mon Mar 9: Chapter 15 (continued)
- Wed Mar 11: **Chapter 27: Exchange Rates and the Open Economy**
- Fri Mar 13: Chapter 27 (continued)
- Wed Mar 18: **Final exam** (cumulative), 8:00-11:00 a.m.