Economics 4971 Supplemental Senior Seminar in Economics

1-CREDIT COURSE FOR GRADUATING ECONOMICS MAJORS

Course Meets January 19-March 1
Tuesday 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Arts & Science Bldg 113

Major Field Test Tuesday, March 8, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
(MFT Venue: TBD)

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Office hours: Normally Wednesday 3:30-5, Friday 1:30-3, or by appointment (however, an appointment is always recommended)

Course website: Blackboard, i.e., https://blackboard.missouri.edu

Required for purchase:


Other required readings will be available on the course website

Class participation: Class participation plays an important role in the course. All students are expected to do the assignments in advance and to be prepared to comment in class. Participation in class will be graded. Special grading rules apply to attendance. Anyone who misses more than one class (after the first week) will face a penalty, and anyone who misses more than two classes will receive a failing grade.¹ (There is no penalty for missing one class.) If you miss a class, or if you miss the assignment, you are responsible for getting notes from a classmate.

Class Quizzes: A quiz based on the assignments for that week and the prior week’s lectures will be given in each class. Of the six quizzes, the score on the lowest will be omitted in calculating the quiz score for your grade. If you miss a quiz because you come to class late or leave early, or because you miss a class, your grade in that quiz will be a zero.

ETS Major Field Test in Economics: The ETS Major Field Test will count for 50 percent of your grade in the course. The exam is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you cannot take the exam at this time, please see me immediately. Taking this exam is a requirement for this course and a requirement for graduation. Failure to take the exam may jeopardize both your grade in this course and your ability to graduate.

¹ If you have an MU-approved activity that conflicts with the class, you must contact the instructor well in advance to make arrangements to complete required classwork. Illness or related personal issues must be communicated to the instructor in a timely matter; the ability to make up material will require submission of appropriate documentation.
Communications requirement: You are expected to check the course website each Friday for additional reading or other assignments to be completed for the following week’s class. It is also required that you check your MU email periodically and respond to course-related queries within three days.

Grading:

- ETS’s *Major Field Test in Economics* 50%
- Class participation 20%
- Quizzes 30%

Grades will be assigned on a plus/minus basis.
Note that special requirements for attendance (see above) may affect your final course grade.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic honesty is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards academic dishonesty as an extremely serious matter. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, or collaboration, consult the course instructor.

Academic Dishonesty includes but is not necessarily limited to the following:

A. Cheating or knowingly assisting another student in committing an act of cheating or other academic dishonesty.

B. Plagiarism, which includes but is not necessarily limited to submitting examinations, themes, reports, drawings, laboratory notes, or other material as one's own work when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person.

C. Submitting written materials (papers, assignments) to meet requirements in more than one course unless the instructors in all courses have been informed and given their permission.

D. Unauthorized possession of examinations or reserve library materials, or laboratory materials or experiments, or any other similar actions.

E. Unauthorized changing of grades or markings on an examination or in an instructor's grade book or such change of any grade report.

In papers and writing assignments submitted for this course, any identifiable phrase or passage taken *word for word* from a source *must be in quotes* and the source cited.

Each person must hand in work that represents his or her personal efforts. This does *not* prohibit students from discussing course material or from reading one work. On the other hand, students are prohibited from copying one another's assignments, or completing assignments based on the work of other students.

The University has specific academic dishonesty administrative procedures. Although policy states that cases of academic dishonesty must be reported to the Office of the Provost for possible action, the instructor may assign a failing grade for the assignment or a failing grade for the course, or may adjust the grade as deemed appropriate. The instructor also may require the student to repeat the assignment or to perform additional
assignments. In instances where academic integrity is in question, faculty, staff and students should refer to Article VI of the Faculty Handbook. Article VI is also available in the M-Book. Article VI provides further information regarding the process by which violations are handled and sets forth a standard of excellence in our community.

ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

Students with Disabilities:

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible.

If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the Disability Center, S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696, and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

INTELLECTUAL PLURALISM

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the Departmental Chair or Divisional Director; the Director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities (http://osrr.missouri.edu/); or the MU Equity Office (http://equity.missouri.edu/), or by email at equity@missouri.edu. All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.

ACADEMIC INQUIRY, COURSE DISCUSSION AND PRIVACY

University of Missouri System Executive Order No. 38 lays out principles regarding the sanctity of classroom discussions at the university. The policy is described fully in Section 200.015 of the Collected Rules and Regulations. In this class, students may make audio or video recordings of course activity unless specifically prohibited by the faculty member. However, the redistribution of audio or video recordings of statements or comments from the course to individuals who are not students in the course is prohibited without the express permission of the faculty member and of any students who are recorded. Students found to have violated this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with provisions of section 200.020 of the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri pertaining to student conduct matters.