

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
Department of Business and Computer Technology
ECO 2013 – Economics I
3 Credits

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Text: *Economics, 2nd edition*, by G. Hubbard and A. O'Brien, Prentice Hall

MyEconlab access required

Course Description: Basic concepts and principles of economics and macroeconomics, national income accounting, fiscal and monetary policy, and growth economics.

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Objective: The purpose of this course is to expose students to the basic elements of macroeconomics in a global setting. Topics include the economic foundations of free markets, the role of the government in the economy, the stimulants driving international trade, national income accounting, elements of production and growth, and an overview of the monetary system.

Course Withdrawal Date and Policy: Last day to withdraw and receive a refund of fees is **Aug. 30th**. The last day to withdraw without academic penalty or to change to "Audit" is **Oct. 28th**. Students withdrawing after this date will receive a WF.

Attendance Policy: Class attendance will be taken. Excessive absences (25% of the class) will result in instructor withdrawal. Three consecutive absences or 3 absences in a month is also considered excessive and will result in withdrawal. Any extenuating circumstances must be brought to the instructor's attention to avoid automatic instructor withdrawal. The student is responsible for all material covered in class which may not be included in the text. If you are a CHS or dual-enrolled student and you generate excessive absences (including tardies) you may be withdrawn from the class without warning.

Children Attending Class: As a courtesy to other students and the learning process, students may not bring children with them to class sessions. Health and safety concerns prohibit children from accompanying adult students in any lab, shop, office, classroom or other college facility where potential hazards exist. If a child-related emergency means you must miss class, contact the instructor as soon as possible to determine your options. (The full "Children on Campus" Policy Statement appears in the 2009-10 catalog.)

Grading Policy: There will be **four** exams given during the semester (see course schedule). In addition weekly **assignments** will be given in class and assigned on **myeconlab***. Weekly assignments will be counted as one exam and all grades will be equally weighted providing **5** scores each valued at 20% of the grade. There will be **no make-up exams** except for the following: participation in an NWFSC sponsored event such as athletics, a serious medical emergency with official documentation, or the funeral of a family member with the notice printed in the paper. All work, car, traffic, childcare, etc absences are personal in nature, and are not excused. If at all possible contact me in advance of an exam if you will be unavoidably absent. All unexcused missed exams will receive a grade of "F". The grading scale is as follows:

90-100,A; 80-89,B; 70-79,C; 60-69, D; 0-59,F

No extra credit will be given to redress poor performance on exams.

***Myeconlab:** Online assignments for each chapter will be given on *myeconlab*. All new textbooks include access to *myeconlab*. Students who have used textbooks may purchase access to *myeconlab* from the publisher. The due date for each assignment will coincide with the exam date for which the material is covered. For instance, chapter 1 is included in the first exam so the homework for chapter 1 is due no later than the date of the first exam. Unlimited attempts will be allowed on assignments for the first 4 chapters enabling students to become familiar with *myeconlab*. Subsequent assignments will be limited to 3 attempts. The lowest 3 scores on *myeconlab* will be dropped when calculating the final homework grade.

Incomplete Grades: Incomplete grades are awarded for non-academic reasons at the instructor's discretion.

Course Requirements: All students are expected to arrive prepared for class. Assigned materials (see schedule) should be read prior to start of each class. No homework should be completed during class time.

All assignments must be typed with the exception of graphs which must be hand written.

Student e-mail: Activate student e-mail accounts. Personal e-mail addresses will not be used to communicate with students. If you encounter problems with your college e-mail, please call the Information Technology department on 729-5396. For those enrolled prior to Fall '09, please check with IT to verify your correct e-mail account.

Accommodations for Special Needs Students: If you have special needs for which accommodations may be appropriate to assist you in this class, please contact the Office of Services for Students with Special Needs in Building C-1 on the Niceville Campus, or call 729-6079 (TDD 1-800-955-8771 or voice 1-800-955-8770).

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Academic Integrity: Students are responsible for adherence to all college policies and procedures, including those related to academic freedom, cheating, classroom conduct, and other items included in the *NWFSC Catalog and Student Handbook*. Students should be familiar with the rights and responsibilities in the 2009-10 *NWFSC Catalog and Student Handbook*. Plagiarism, cheating or any other form of academic dishonesty is a serious breach of student responsibilities and may trigger consequences, which range from a failing grade to formal disciplinary action.

Disruptive Behavior: Belligerent, abusive, profane, threatening and/or inappropriate behavior on the part of students is in violation of the NWFSC Student Code of Conduct. According to College Policy regarding disruptive behavior, students who are found in violation of the Code of Conduct may be subject to immediate dismissal from the College. Also, those violations that may constitute misdemeanor or felony violations of state or federal law may also be subject to criminal action beyond the College disciplinary process.

Cell Phone/Electronic Communication Device Policy: Cell phones, pagers and other such electronic devices, including recording devices, must be turned off during class time. Communication by electronic device during class is strictly prohibited unless expressly designated as part of the learning activities. Use of electronic communication devices during examinations or other graded activities may constitute grounds for disciplinary action. Where emergency or employment situations *require* access to electronic communication services, arrangements may be made in *advance* with the instructor.

Emergencies and other Changes to Course Policies: In the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the schedule, requirements, and procedures in this course are subject to change. If the college closes for inclement weather or other emergency, the date for any exams, presentations or assignments due during the closure period will remain on their scheduled dates (if possible). Assignments will resume at the point where classes were suspended. If changes to graded activities are required, students will not be penalized as a result of the adjustments, but will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines and course requirements.

Disclaimer: Any course hand outs or videos do not reflect the views of the instructor or the college. They are only used as examples or to stimulate discussion or analysis.