Initial video introduction session will be hosted on Google Hangouts at 9:00AM ET on Tuesday, May 26th. An invitation to the meeting along with instructions for attending will be e-mailed to that class list on Monday, May 25th.

Textbooks


Assignments

1. Example problems will be assigned weekly.
2. Each student will be required to write a two page economic naturalist essay. The papers are due on, **June 25th**. This assignment will be discussed in more detail at the midway point of the course.

Quizzes and Final Exam

There will be a quiz in the course on **June 2nd, June 9th, and June 16th**. There will be a cumulative final exam during class, **Wednesday, June 24th**. If you have a pre-arranged conflict with any of these four dates you must notify me by **Thursday, May 28th**. Other than arrangements made by this date there will be no make-ups for quizzes or exams.

The quizzes and the final exam will consist of problems and short answer questions. The problems will be similar to examples covered in lectures and in problem assignments.

Grading Policy

The final grades for the course will be determined as follows:

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Office Hours

I will hold online office hours on Wednesday from 10:00-11:30.
Schedule:

Each week:

1. You will be sent 2 to 3 video lectures per week at the beginning of each week. These videos will be the primary method of instruction. They will include lectures of the required material, problem set assignments, and reading assignments for the week. The videos are to be viewed prior to our synchronous group video sessions on Thursday.

2. The video lectures will be augmented with an online video based discussion and problem solving session on Thursday at 10:00 ET of weeks 1-4. The sessions will be hosted on Google Hangouts and will end prior to 12:00. Additional google hangout sessions may be scheduled if needed. In these sessions we will discuss any questions that the class has on the material and complete practice problems in preparation for the following week’s quiz.

3. There will be a quiz on each Tuesday of weeks 2-4.

4. An ungraded problem set will be assigned in weeks 1-4.

5. I will moderate a group discussion board on Blackboard for students to discuss questions among each other.

Topic Schedule:

Week 1
Introduction video meeting 9:00AM, Tuesday, May 26th.
What is Economics? Decisions, Pitfalls & “Economic Naturalism” - Chapter 1
Comparative Advantage - Chapter 2
The “Apple Market”
Demand & Supply: “Econ 101” - Chapter 3

Week 2
Quiz 1 (June 2, 9:00-10:30 AM)
Elasticity - Chapter 4
Demand and Consumer Surplus – Chapter 5

Week 3
Quiz 2 (June 9, 9:00-10:30 AM)
Supply and Producer Surplus – Chapter 6
Efficiency and Exchange – Taxes and Tariffs - Chapter 7 & 9
The Invisible Hand and Long Run Equilibrium – Chapter 8

Week 4
Quiz 3 (June 16, 9:00-10:30 AM)
Monopoly and Imperfect Competition – Chapter 10
Price discrimination
Thinking Strategically - Game Theory – Chapter 11

Week 5
Game Theory (continued) and review
Final Exam (June 24, 9:00-12:00)
Economic Naturalist Papers Due (June 25)