ECON 3256: Comparative Economic Systems
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Course Description
ECRU 3256 examines the major economic systems of the world, in both theory and practice. The approach will generally focus on encouraging a general understanding of how economic systems work and how economic theory interacts with government policy, history, and culture to explain economic performance. Economies examined in some detail will include several advanced market capitalist countries (e.g., the U.S., Japan, and Germany), the former socialist economies (e.g., the former Soviet Union, Poland, and China), and other East Asian economies (e.g., Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea and North Korea). We will also consider Iran as an example of an Islamic-based economy, and India as an example of an isolationist country that is now beginning to join the global economy.

Readings

Attendance
Classroom attendance is required. Students who have more than four unexcused absences will receive a grade of F for the course. Also, please make sure to turn off all cell phones or other noise making devices during class.

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Make-up Exams
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