

Syllabus  
Economics 355

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS

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TR 10:30-11:45

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Mason Hall D180

**Course Objectives:**

The course has two objectives. The first is to develop students's critical thinking skills, i.e., to teach students to effectively use economic concepts to solve realistic problems. The second, and equally important, objective is to teach students how to express their ideas effectively through writing.

**Required Text:** None

**Course Requirements and Grades:**

This course is writing intensive. Ninety percent of the final grade is based on a series of brief (1.5 pages MAXIMUM) papers on various topics. Papers must be typed double spaced using 12-point font with one-inch margins. *Late papers are not accepted under any circumstances; the grade of zero is assigned to a late or omitted paper; papers MUST be handed in during class -- not after class has been dismissed.* E-mailed papers are not accepted, nor are faxes. (Another student can hand your paper during class if you make arrangements for when you cannot attend.) In addition to content, papers will be graded on punctuation, organization, spelling, diction, and grammar. There are no exams. Ten percent of the final grade is based on a book review presented in class and participation. **ACTIVE class participation** is required in addition to *punctual (if door is closed, don't open it) and consistent attendance*. You should expect to be called on to contribute to the

*discussion and prepare accordingly.*

*I will communicate with the class by e-mail; you will benefit by checking your e-mail frequently. Office Hours: Monday, 9:30 to 11:30; other times by appointment. I shall always try to come to class early so that you will have an opportunity to meet with me then. NOTE: My office is only a short distance from the class room; you can come in before or after class easily.*

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