

Economics 100 -Economics for the Citizen
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MW 9:00-10:15 am
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1 Course Description

This course is an introduction to the economic way of thinking. It has no economic prerequisites. At the end of this course, you should have a basic understanding of this way of thinking. *This syllabus is tentative. Any changes I make will be announced in class and an updated syllabus will be uploaded to Blackboard.* Therefore, if you wish to be absolutely sure of something, look at the syllabus posted on Blackboard.

2 Textbook

The Economic Way of Thinking 13th Edition by Paul Heyne, Peter Boettke, and David Prychitko. ISBN 978-0-13-299129-2.

3 Office Hours

Office hours will be held immediately after class each day. Please tell me before class that you would like to meet. I should be free to do so with rare exceptions.

4 Grading

This course contains three midterms, a final, and a quiz most weeks. Your final grade will be based on the *highest* of these three averages: quizzes (25%), midterms (25%), final (50%); midterms (50%), final 50%; or final 100%. The logic behind this system is you get credit for improvement. If you do better on the midterms than on the quizzes, the portion of your grade due to quizzes will be shifted. The same situation holds for the final. Therefore, even if you do poorly on everything the entire semester, *doing well on the final examination will be sufficient to do well in the course.* The quizzes will be given on Blackboard and due the following Monday at 9am. They are open-note. The examinations will be closed book and closed note.

5 Important Dates

No Class (Labor Day)	7/4/2017
Class Meets on Tuesday	10/9/2017
Midterm I	10/10/2017 (<i>Tuesday</i>)
No Class	10/11/2017
Midterm II	11/20/2017
Midterm III	12/6/2017
Final Exam	12/18/2017

6 Audio Recording

Feel free to record my lectures though please do not post them online. Sharing recordings with classmates is fine.

7 Honor Code

George Mason University has a rigorous honor code. Please consult the student handbook to learn the expectations established by the honor code, as well as the procedures for its compliance and enforcement. Cheating will not be tolerated.

8 Special Accomodations

I am happy to make reasonable accomodations for documented disabilities. Please arrange this through the Disabilities Office.