

Syllabus
Economics 395
EFFECTIVE WRITING IN ECONOMICS

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TR 10:30-11:45

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Buchanan Hall D005

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 Exams: None

Course Requirements and Grades:

This course is writing intensive. Ninety percent of the final grade is based on a series of brief (one-page 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.*** Except for the first assignment, e-mailed papers are not accepted, nor are faxes. (Another student can hand your paper during class if 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 on participation in class discussion. The course is a seminar, so ***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; please check your e-mail frequently. *Office Hours:* Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:15; 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. Feel free to stop by.

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