SYLLABUS

E101: A SURVEY OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AND PROBLEMS
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Required Texts
2.://www.mhhe.com/
Log into the “Student Edition” and use the pull down menu to access the chapters.

Principles of Undergraduate Learning
E101 addresses the core communication and quantitative skills principle. It also approaches the critical thinking principle. Thus, students will be prepared to:
- Solve problems that are quantitative in nature
- Analyze complex issues
- Synthesize information to arrive at a reasoned decision
- Solve challenging problems

Grading
During the course, there will be three midterm exams consisting of multiple choice questions. Of the three midterm exams, the best two will be counted. The fourth exam, the final exam, will consist of multiple choice questions and will be based on materials covered after the third exam. The final exam cannot be dropped.

There will also be six quizzes. Of the six quizzes, only five will be counted. You are allowed to drop any one quiz.

Maximum Attainable Points:
Two midterm Exams 100 points (50 points each)
Final Exam 50 points
Five Quizzes 50 points

Total 200 points
Grading System

98-100%   A+  
94-97%     A   
90-93%     A-  
86-89%     B+  
83-85%     B   
80-82%     B-  
76-79%     C+  
73-75%     C   
70-72%     C-  
66-69%     D+  
63-65%     D   
60-62%     D-  
59-below  F

No make-up will be allowed for any missed exams or quizzes except under highly unusual circumstances. You will be required to present written documentation concerning the excuse.

Class Attendance
Prompt, consistent attendance is expected of all students. Class Attendance will be a component of grading in this course. More than two absences will have a negative impact on your grade. Each additional absence lowers your grade by one level (Example: A- would become a B+). An attendance sheet will be circulated at each class meeting.

Academic Integrity
In this course, any student caught cheating will receive an F for the assignment. Please read the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct on misconduct, if you have not done so before. You are responsible for conducting yourself according to these rules.

Sun Oct 16 is the last day to withdraw with automatic grade of W via the late drop/add classes (eDrop/eAdd) link on the self service page. Advisor signature is required. UCOL students or Engineering/Technology freshmen must see advisor by 5:00 p.m. on prior Friday. In person transactions must be processed by 5:00 p.m. on prior Friday.

Tue Nov 15 is the last day to withdraw with grade of W or F. Advisor and instructor signatures required. Submitted in person only at office of the Registrar by 6:00 p.m., Campus Center 250. Pick up the form from your advisor or school.

New Drop Limit Policy
University College freshmen (25 hours or below) may not drop more than one course per semester. This policy will be enforced through advisor sign-off on drop requests. The policy does not include course adjustments made during the first week of class nor does it apply to classes in which a student has been "administratively withdrawn".
Course Outline and Scheduled Lecture Dates

M Aug 22  Orientation & Organization
W Aug 24  Thinking Like an Economist
M Aug 29  Economics: The Study of Opportunity Cost – Ch. 1
W Aug 31  Learning Economics Using Graphs – Ch. 1
M Sep 05  Labor Day Holiday (No Class)
W Sep 07  Quiz # 1
Supply and Demand – Ch. 2
M Sep 12  Supply and Demand (The Wheat Game) – Ch. 2
W Sep 14  The Concept of Elasticity – Ch. 3
M Sep 19  The Concept of Elasticity – Ch. 3
W Sep 21  Quiz # 2
Firm Production, Cost and Revenue – Ch. 4
M Sep 26  Firm Production, Cost and Revenue – Ch. 4
W Sep 28  Hourly Exam # 1
M Oct 03  Every Macroeconomic Word You Ever Heard – Ch. 6
W Oct 05  Inflation and Unemployment – Ch. 6
M Oct 10  Quiz # 3
Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply – Ch. 8
W Oct 12  Fiscal Policy – Ch. 9
M Oct 17  Fall Break (No Class)
W Oct 19  Monetary Policy – Ch. 10
M Oct 24  Quiz # 4
The Housing Bubble – Ch. 11