

Honors Supplemental Syllabus

Econ 101

Introduction to Microeconomics

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Additional Requirements

- Reading:** Three additional books will be added to the required text
 - Freakanomics* by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner
 - Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
 - The Logic of Life* by Tim Harford
- Presentation to Class:** A verbal, digital or PowerPoint, etc., report to the class on “a favored topic from the additional readings” requirement (15 minutes).
- Writing:** A 4-6 page cost/benefit analysis with bibliography (3-5 sources minimum) on a topic of interest.
- Case Study:** Are patents helping or hurting innovation and growth in the technology sector? Compare the lack of patents in the clothing industry and relative innovation in the industry with the abundance of patents (and lawsuits) in the technology sector. (2-3 pages)
- Class Participation and Leadership:** Student must participate in class discussions by being prepared for the topic(s) of the day and provide group leadership as necessary.
- Office Hour Contacts:** Make and keep a minimum of 4 appointments with your instructor. This will give you an opportunity to discuss your progress on your individual projects. Please set these appointments during the first 3 weeks of the semester.

Objectives: Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to accomplish the learning objectives stated in the regular syllabus and the objectives listed below for the Honors contract:

- Demonstrate critical thinking skills in the written report and oral presentation.
- Analyze data and come to reasoned conclusions in the case study.
- Illustrate personal responsibility through office hour visits and class participation.

Regular Course Requirements:

1. Exams (3/4)	45 pts. each	135 pts.
2. Quizzes (in-class) (2)	10 pts. each	20
3. Cost/benefit analysis (2)	15 pts. each	30
4. Online Homework (weekly)	10% of final grade	30
5. Online Quizzes	10% of final grade	30
6. Final		<u>75</u>
		320 pts.

Honors Supplemental requirements:

1. Reading assignment	20
2. Writing assignment	20
3. Class Presentation	20
4. Case Study	12
5. Participation	10
6. Office Hours Contacts	<u>8</u>
	90 pts.

Honors Points: $90/320 = 28\%$ extra course work