

**EMBA**  
**Economics 5304:MEX**  
**Research and Readings in Economics**  
**Course Syllabus FALL 2015**

**Course Title:** Research and Reading in Economics  
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**Course Description**

This course introduces the power of the free market system for good.

**Objectives**

The objective of this course is clearing away the hype to understand how important the free market system and property rights are to raising the poor of society.

**Learning Outcomes**

Appreciation of the free market system/property rights for promoting the prosperity of the poor more than any economic system thus far devised.

**Course Materials:**

**1. Gary Wolfram, *A CAPITALIST MANIFESTO - Understanding the Market Economy and Defending Liberty*, paperback 200 pages, publisher Dunlap Goddard, Language English. Available in paperback, Kindle, and Apple**

This book begins by introducing - or reintroducing - you to some of the basics of Economic theory. He then proceeds to explain why the free market system is essential for growth and therefore the improvement in the welfare of a country's population as a whole.

**2. Robert A. Sirico, *Defending the Free Market: The Moral Case for a Free Economy* Publisher: Regnery**

Available in paperback, Kindle, and Apple

The author is a Catholic priest who argues that a free economy promotes charity, selflessness, and kindness. In addition to much more, Fr. Sirico explains that the free market system is the only way to ensure individual success and, more importantly, national prosperity coupled with a socially just society.

**3. The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else Paperback, Hernando De Soto, Basic Books, 20013, ISBN-13: 978-0465016150**

The importance of property rights and the rule of law.

## Evaluation

### Three question assignments

Wolfram	33%
Sirico	33%
DeSoto	34%
Total	100%

## Submission of Assignments

Please submit your MS Word prepared assignments through BlackBoard.

## Discussion Boards

**A discussion board for each book is available on BlackBoard to enable your greater understanding of the course books through discourse with the students in this class. Please take advantage of this. These discussions are for your benefit and not graded.**

## Department of Business Administration MBA Program Learning Outcomes

PLO 1 Analyze and solve complex business problems across major business functions, using advanced business principles and strategies

PLO 2 Communicate in-depth business information through written oral and other delivery processes

PLO 3 Identify and discuss the impact of ethical and social responsibility issues in business

PLO 4 Identify and describe the major and minor components of the external business environment

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**Course Calendar FALL 2015**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Capitalist Manifesto	5 September 2015
Defending the Free Market	19 September 2015
The Mystery of Capital	10 October 2015