

ECO 4303:W01 Summer 1 2017
Course Syllabus
Current Economic and Finance Problems
Sul Ross State University

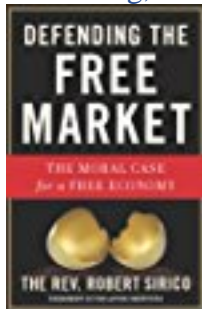
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Required Course Materials

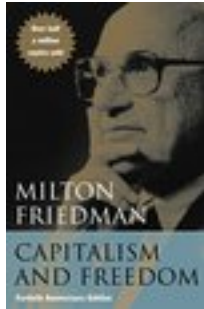
[The SILENCING How the Left Is Killing Free Speech](#), Kirsten Powers, Regnery Publishing, ISBN 978-1-62157-370-8.



[Defending the Free Market The Moral Case For A Free Economy](#), Robert Sirico, Regnery Publishing, ISBN978-1-59698-325-0



Capitalism and Freedom, Milton Friedman, University of Chicago Press, 2002, ISBN: 0-226-26421-1, Chapter I The Relation Between Economic Freedom and Political Freedom and Chapter II The Role of Government in a Free Society. Links to the chapter material online may be found on the course BlackBoard site.



Course Evaluation

- 35% The Silencing Assignment
- 35% Defending the Free Market Assignment
- 30% Capitalism and Freedom Assignment

Calendar Assignment Due Dates

- I June 10
- II June 20
- III June 30

Assignment Submission

Please submit your MSWord created assignments through BlackBoard.

Course Objectives

The free market system is condemned as being based on greed and oppressing the poor. It is called heartless, unfair, corrupt, and immoral. Such oratory is prevalent among the well to do media, politicians, intellectuals, professors, Hollywood actors, and legacies. These decriers of capitalism favor increased government control of society. They promote government control as promoting a means of “leveling” the field, as humane, and as moral. Are they correct? Is government control and direction the virtuous path to take? And is capitalism the devil’s path of immorality and oppression?

Course Learning Outcomes

- Free market resource allocation, as opposed to political allocation, is in the best interests of minorities.
- Opportunities are reduced as a result of the power of vested interest groups that use the coercive powers of government to stifle market competition.
- Free markets promote equality as one person’s dollar has the same power as the next person’s.
- Personal liberties cannot exist absent economic freedom.
- The Best way to help the poor is to start a business.

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University Policies

All are applicable.

BBA Degree SLOs

SLO 1 Analyze and solve business problems across major business functions, using fundamental business principles and strategies

SLO 2 Communicate business information through written, oral and other delivery processes

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