

**Syllabus ECO 5301 Comparative Economic Thought - Free Enterprise  
Economic Freedom Summer 2 2018 web**

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**I. Instructional Materials:**

- A) "What's So Great About Economic Freedom?"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yqA6-ukmfg>
- B) "Economic Vs. Civil Liberties" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWAEzyp2xQ>
- C) "What is Classical Liberalism?" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU-8Uz\\_nMaQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU-8Uz_nMaQ)
- D) **MILTON FRIEDMAN ON FREEDOM** Selections from **The Collected Works of Milton Friedman**, Chapter 12, "Free Markets and Free Speech" and Chapter 9, "Fair versus Free." ISBN 978-0-8179-2034-0,
- E) **1984**, George Orwell, Signet Classics.
- F) **The SILENCING How the Left Is Killing Free Speech**, Kirsten Powers, Regnery Publishing, ISBN 978-1-62157-370-8.
- G) **The Smear**, Sharyl Attkisson, Harper, ISBN 978-0-06-246816
- H) **TRUMPED UP How Criminalization of Political Differences Endangers Democracy**, Alan Dershowitz, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, ISBN 978-1974617890

**II. Course Requirements and Information**

- A) The student's grade shall be based upon five assignments which consist of questions on the assigned readings.
- B) Each assignment is posted on Blackboard and should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document through Blackboard.
- C) Your professor will communicate with you via Blackboard announcement and/or Sul Ross email.
- D) Further course information and the assignment due date schedule are posted separately on Blackboard.

**III. Criteria for Grade Evaluation**

- A) Effective answers to the assignment questions will be clearly written and demonstrate a thorough understanding of the assigned material.
- B) Unless otherwise noted, there is no specific requirement regarding answer length. As a general guideline, one to two paragraphs per question should be sufficient.
- C) Questions should be answered and **designated by question number**, single spaced 12-font with a space between each paragraph and question.
- D) The typed answers should be personally grammar and spell checked. Incorrect grammar may negatively impact the assignment grade.
- E) Submit the MSWord document via Blackboard.
- F) Each of the five assignments constitutes 20% of the student's final grade.
- G) Grading will be on a 100 point, 10-point break. A= 90-100 B=80-89 and so forth.
- H) Late assignments shall be docked 5 points for each late day including weekends.

I) The calendar due date for each assignment is posted separately on Blackboard.

#### **IV. Course Objectives**

Economic Freedom is essential to enable individuals to pursue employment as they choose and advocate and propagandize openly for that which they believe. This course inquires how economic freedom is related to these civil liberties.

#### **V. Student Learning Outcomes**

The successful student will:

- Gain understanding of economic freedom.
- Identify how civil liberties require economic freedom.
- Explore how economic freedom can be limited by the power of private individuals and/or interest groups.
- Recognize how economic freedom can be limited by the power of individuals and/or coalitions within government.

#### **IV. Department of Business Administration MBA Student Learning Outcomes**

**SLO 1** Graduate students will analyze & solve complex business problems across major business functions, using advanced business principles and strategies, with topics including but not limited to, financial statement analysis, time value of money, stock valuation, and net present value.

**SLO 2** Communicate in-depth business information through written and/or oral presentation.

**SLO 3** Analyze the impact of ethical and social responsibility challenges to business.

#### **VII. Special Needs**

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartz, M. Ed., L.P.C., in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas Telephone: 432-837-8691. E-mail: [mschwartz@sulross.edu](mailto:mschwartz@sulross.edu) .

#### **VIII. Academic Honesty and University Policies**

"The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of their classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials." --Excerpt from the Student Handbook All University Policies are applicable.

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