

**Sul Ross State University**  
**ECO5301 – Comp. Economic Thought: Free Enterprise**  
**Summer I Semester 2020**

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Classroom: Online  
Office: BAB-311  
ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/2877748042>

Blackboard: <http://sulross.edu/bb> \*\*\* Blackboard is the primary method of course content delivery for this class. You must login to your Blackboard account during the first week of Summer I to register your participation in our class.

Primary Text: No textbook is required for this course. All material is original open-source, public domain or fair-use copyrighted material.

Reference Text (optional): Principles of Macroeconomics Openstax Rice University  
Link to free textbook:  
<https://openstax.org/details/books/principles-macroeconomics-2e>

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a comparative study of the major viewpoints in capitalistic economic thought. We will primarily be studying the works of Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes, F.A. Hayek, Joseph Schumpeter and Milton Friedman. Topics include inflation, unemployment, economic growth, fiscal policy, monetary policy and a comparative discussion of the proper role of government in a capitalistic economy.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Throughout this course, each student will have the opportunity to

- gain an understanding of the major theories and perspectives of several influential economists
- apply economic analysis to real-world problems and
- participate in the ongoing debate on the proper role of government in the economy.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION:** Each student will earn a grade in the course based on five 2-3 page essays due throughout the semester. Each essay is worth 20% of the final average and will be graded on a scale of 0 - 100. Final letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59 and below=F. A grade of **I** will be issued only as a last resort in accordance with university policy.

**ATTENDANCE AND DROP POLICY:** All students are expected to remain actively engaged in this online course via Blackboard, email, and Zoom video conferences (if necessary). Students desiring to drop this course should do so through the office of the registrar by the **official drop date – June 12, 2020**. Any student who disrupts the educational process of this class or who is found engaging in academic dishonesty will receive a failing final grade and will be barred from further participation in the class.

**Class Calendar and Additional Information:  
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*May 19, 2020*

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT DATES \*\*\***

<b>May 20</b>	<b>Summer I semester begins</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day - no class</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Last day to drop a class</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Last Day of Summer I</b>

**Essay Due Dates:**

<b>Essay #1 Adam Smith</b>	<b>Due by 11:59pm on May 31</b>
<b>Essay #2 John Keynes</b>	<b>Due by 11:59pm on June 7</b>
<b>Essay #3 F.A. Hayek</b>	<b>Due by 11:59pm on June 14</b>
<b>Essay #4 Joseph Schumpeter</b>	<b>Due by 11:59pm on June 21</b>
<b>Essay #5 Milton Friedman</b>	<b>Due by 11:59pm on June 26</b>

**Students with Special Needs:**

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the Student's responsibility to initiate a request. Please contact Ms. Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Director/Counselor, Accessibility Services Coordinator, Ferguson Hall (Suite 112) at 432.837.8203; mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Students should then contact the instructor as soon as possible to initiate the recommended accommodations.