

# ECON 4306 – Comparative Economics

Summer II 2020 SESSION

Online

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Discussions (5)	200 Points
Assignments (2)	200 points
Final	100 points
Total Points	500 points

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Each week, you should read the assigned chapters and check for any new material, new assignments or weekly discussion threads

## REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. *"The Origin of Wealth: The Radical Remaking of Economics and What it Means for Business and Society"* by Eric D. Beinhocker, Harvard Business Review Press; ISBN-13: 978-1422121030
2. *"The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times and Ideas of the Great Economic Thinkers,"* by Robert L. Heilbroner Touchstone; 7th Revised edition ISBN-13: 978-0684862149
3. *"Marx, Capital, and the Madness of Economic Reason"* by David Harvey, Oxford University Press ISBN-13: 978-0190691486

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## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Develop a general understanding of the history of economic thought  
*Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.*

2. Describe the basic economic systems

*Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.*

3. Integrate and demonstrate the ability a knowledge of economic systems to politics and business

*Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.*

## **Marketable Skills for the Aligned BBA Degrees**

**Marketable Skill 1:** Students will have the ability to apply the principles of business they learn to the management of existing businesses or the creation of new businesses.

**Marketable Skill 2:** Students will have the ability to use research and analysis to make informed decisions.

**Marketable Skill 3:** Students will have the ability to write business letters, emails, resumes and reports

**Marketable Skill 4:** Students will have the ability to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

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## Schedule for ECON3301 – Summer II 2020

Week	Topic	Readings
July 1	Mercantilism	Origin Wealth, Chapter 1 Worldly Philosophers, Chapters 1-2 Economic Reason, Chapters None
July 6	Classical Economics  <b>Assignment 1 due July 13, 2020</b>	Origin Wealth, Chapter 2 Worldly Philosophers, Chapters 3-4 Economic Reason, Chapters 1
July 13	Communism/Socialism	Origin Wealth, Chapter 3 Worldly Philosophers, Chapters 5-7 Economic Reason, Chapters 2-4
July 20	Capitalism <b>Assignment 2 due July 26, 2020</b>	Origin Wealth, Chapters 4-7 Worldly Philosophers, Chapters 8-10 Economic Reason, Chapters 5-8
July 27	Complexity Economics	Origin Wealth, Chapters 8-15 Worldly Philosophers, Chapters 11 Economic Reason, Chapters 9
Aug. 3	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Due on Wednesday, August 5, 2020</b>