

Sul Ross State University
ECO4303 – Current Economic and Financial Problems
Fall Semester 2020

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Classroom: Online
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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 the Fall 2020 semester to register your participation in our class.

Primary Text: There is no textbook required for this course. All material used will be open source or in the public domain.

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a study in contemporary economic and financial issues. Traditional microeconomic and macroeconomic theory will be used to evaluate modern economic problems . Topics may include COVID-19 and the economy, the illicit drug markets, the legal drug markets, money and banking, and fiscal and monetary policy.

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

- gain an advanced understanding of microeconomic and macroeconomic theories
- apply economic analysis to real-world problems and
- better appreciate the role that economics plays in modern business and society

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Each student will earn a grade in the course based on four, 3-5 page papers, each worth 25% of the final average. Each paper 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 – November 13, 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
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***** PAPER TOPICS AND DUE DATES *****

PAPER #1. TOPIC: The Effect of COVID-19 on the economy.
Due via Blackboard on Sunday, **September 27th.**

PAPER #2. TOPIC: The economics of the legalization of marijuana.
Due via Blackboard on Sunday, **October 25th.**

PAPER #3. TOPIC: To be determined by the instructor.
Due via Blackboard on Sunday, **November 22nd.**

PAPER #4. TOPIC: To be determined by the student.
Due via Blackboard on Sunday, **December 6th.**

***** IMPORTANT DATES *****

9/7	Labor Day Holiday
9/9	Last day to drop without penalty
11/13	Last day to drop with a grade of W
11/25 – 11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/4 – 12/9	Final Exam period

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Additional Information

Student Learning Outcomes:

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.

Marketable Skills:

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.

Students with Special Needs (ADA Compliance):

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.