

# **ECON 3301- Intermediate Economics**

## **Summer I 2023 SESSION**

### **Fully Online**

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#### **AVAILABILITY HOURS:**

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**GRADING:** Grades will be determined as follows:

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.

## **2. REQUIRED TEXTS:**

1. “Applied Economics: Thinking Beyond Stage One” By Thomas Sowell, Basic Books 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. ISBN-13: 978-0465003457
2. “Economics in One Lesson: The Shortest and Surest Way to Understand Basic Economics” Paperback by Henry Hazlitt, Crown Business, ISBN-13: 978-0517548233

3. **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION:** All official communication by the University or me will be sent to your Sul Ross email account. As a result, you are required to activate your email account and check it from time to time for personal communication. I encourage you to email me if you have questions or comments, BUT PLEASE include your full name and the course for which you have questions. Even if you submit your email through the Blackboard site, I cannot tell which course you are in nor what your real name is (i.e., egar123) unless you put it in the body of your email.

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I encourage you to email me if you have questions about any aspect of the course. Good luck and I look forward to “hearing” from you.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Develop a general understanding of economics.  
*Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.*

2. Describe the basic principles of economics.  
*Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.*
3. Integrate and demonstrate the ability to apply those principles to 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.

#### **ADA STATEMENT:**

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## Schedule for ECON3301 – Summer I 2023

Week	Topic	Readings
June 1	Economics and Politics	Sowell, Chp 1
June 5	Labor and Immigration <b>Assignment 1 due end of week</b>	Sowell, Chps 2,6 Hazlitt Chps 19 & 20 Attached Articles
June 12	Government and Economics	Hazlitt Chps 4, 9, 23, 24
June 19	Industrial Policy <b>Assignment 2 due end of week</b>	Hazlitt Chps 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16
June 26	Trade	Sowell, Chps 8 Hazlitt Chps 11, 12
July 3	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Due on Wednesday, July 5, 2023</b>