

**Sam Houston State University**  
**College of Business Administration**  
**Department of Economics and International Business**

Course Syllabus

Spring 2008

<b>COURSE NUMBER:</b>	Economics 230
<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	Introduction to Economics
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	None
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<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	TTH 8-3:30
<b>REQUIRED TEXT:</b>	Essential Foundation of Economics, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition, Bade and Parkin, Pearson, Addison-Wesley, 2006
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL:</b>	None

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The course objective is to acquire, retain, and apply a foundation in the fundamentals of economics preparing the student for subsequent course work in their curriculum through interactive learning. The student should expect to:

- Gain factual knowledge about the economy
- Learn fundamental principles, generalizations, and theories underlying economic analysis
- Apply economic principles to improve thinking, problem solving and decision making
- Develop an appreciation for the underlying logic of economic decision making
- Distinguish between various market structures found in a capitalistic economy
- Understand the role of markets in the development of policy making and evaluation
- Appreciate the role of profits as a central driving force in market-based economics
- Investigate the purposes of comparative advantage, information, and international relationships as they impact on the role of the firm in the economy.
- Apply economic concepts through team projects and interactive learning.

The primary objective of the course is to introduce the student to fundamental ideas of microeconomics analysis so that they are prepared for subsequent course work in their curriculum. Each student should expect to:

**COURSE EVALUATION PROCESS:** Course averages are determined by the following process:

Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
Final Exam	100
Homework & Quizzes	<u>100</u>
Total	500

There will be three major exams during the course and a final. The final is mandatory of all students. On exam days once the first student has completed the exam and left the room, no other student will be allowed to take the exam if they are late.

Grades in the course will be determined by the following total points:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

Each exam will include objective questions as well as an assortment of short answer questions or problems. A scantron form 882 will be required to take the exams.

If a student misses any unannounced quizzes or class work due to an unexcused absence the student will not be allowed to make up the missed work. Regular and punctual attendance is expected.

**There will be no early finals or other examinations for any reason.**

**Smoking, Food, and Drinks are not allowed in class at any time.**

**RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:**

Students who are absent from class for observance of a religious holy day will be allowed to take an exam or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within one (1) week of returning to class. The student, not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> class day after the first day of the semester, must notify the instructor of each scheduled class day that he/she would be absent for a religious holy day.

**DISABLED STUDENT POLICY:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic,

Student Life Program, or activity. Disabled students may request academic assistance when needed from a Committee for Continuing Academic Assistance for Disabled Students by visiting the director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Building Annex, or by calling Ext. 4-1720.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Attendance in this class is expected. Those who miss a substantial number of classes will penalize themselves by missing material that will be discussed in class, that may not appear in the texts, and over which the class will be tested. If a student arrives late for class and the roll has been taken, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor at the end of **THAT PERIOD** that he/she arrived late and was not absent.