

Economics 2: Spring 2014

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Economics 2: Spring 2014: Course Intro

<http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/econ-1-spring-2012/>

January 22, 2014, 4-5:30
101 Barker, U.C. Berkeley

Things to Notice About This Course I

- This is one semester
 - Everywhere else this is a two semester course:
 - We go fast
- This is the University of California at Berkeley
 - Certainly the finest public university in the world
 - Perhaps the finest university in the world
 - Others could be in your seats
 - They would take advantage of the opportunities here
 - Don't waste your opportunity here

Things to Notice About This Course II

- This is Econ 2
 - Econ 1 here—because it is one semester—goes fast
 - We go faster
 - We do more
- This is a lecture hall
 - A pre-Gutenberg educational technology for a post-Gutenberg age
- There is a Course Syllabus document
 - Read it:
 - You are responsible for it
- There is a Course Policies document
 - Read it: <http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/2014/01/econ-2-spring-2014-course-policies.html>
 - You are responsible for it

Things You Need to Know

- URLs:
 - Course Website: <<http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/econ-2-spring-2014/>>
 - Chatroom: <https://ucberkeley.instructure.com/courses/1179328/discussion_topics>
- **Enrollment Policy**
- **Check Your Email**
 - Emails archived at <<http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/econ-2-spring-2014/>>
 - Email subject: Econ 2--Spring 2014
- **Meetings**
 - Lecture: MW 4-5:30, 101 Barker.
 - Sections:
 - Th 8-9, B51 Hildebrand
 - Th 10-11, 7 Evans
 - M 9-10A, 3 Evans
 - M 1-2P, 101 Wheeler

Things You Need to Know II

- Materials:
 - Paul Krugman, Robin Wells, and various: *Essentials of Economics* (any edition)
 - Partha Dasgupta, *Economics: A Very Short Introduction*
 - Milton Friedman and Rose Director Friedman, *Free to Choose*
 - Tom Slee, *Nobody Makes You Shop at Wal-Mart*
 - Purchase, test, and register an iClicker
- Grading:
 - 35% final, 25% midterm, 24% will be based on 6 problem sets, an introductory letter to your GSI, and a final paper. 6% lecture participation, 10% section participation.
 - Anticipated median grade in this course is a high B--people should get the same grade in this course that they would get if they took Econ 1

Letter of Introduction Assignment

- By the start of your next section meeting, please write a 500-word essay--a “letter of introduction”--to your GSI. Include your name, and discuss:
 - the reasons why you are choosing to spend 3% of your scarce college curriculum time taking this course this year,
 - what you hope to learn from this course,
 - what you hope to do in the future as a result of this course, and
 - whatever else about yourself that you would like to share with your GSI.
 - Please include or embed a photo of yourself, as this will help us learn to recognize you by sight.

First Section Reading Assignment

- Read: Partha Dasgupta, “Prologue” to *Economics: A Very Short Introduction* <<http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/2013/10/prologue-to-partha-dasgupta-economics-a-very-short-introduction.html>>
- Read and Consider: Possible Discussion Questions for Partha Dasgupta, *Economics: A Very Short Introduction* <<http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/2013/10/possible-discussion-questions-for-partha-dasgupta-economics-a-very-short-introduction.html>>
- Read as much as you have time for: Partha Dasgupta, *Economics: A Very Short Introduction* <<http://www.amazon.com/Economics-A-Very-Short-Introduction/dp/019285345>>

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