

COURSE SYLLABUS

Online ECON 2302 Principles of Economics, Microeconomics **CRN: 88899**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a university-equivalent, college sophomore “*Principles*” course in Economics. The content of the curriculum will focus on the following “*microeconomic*” concepts:

- √ Market supply and demand analysis, elasticity, consumer behavior
- √ Pure Competition, Monopoly, Oligopoly, and Monopolistic Competition
- √ Cost and revenue analysis/profit maximization schemes
- √ Resource demand
- √ Antitrust analysis
- √ Capital and Land Markets
- √ Labor market theory and wage determination
- √ Income distribution
- √ International trade

This course and its content will be presented in a manner that will develop and enhance the following student skills and outcomes:

- ✓ Communication Skills
- ✓ Critical Thinking Skills
- ✓ Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- ✓ Social Responsibility Skills

- ✓ **REQUIRED COURSE TEXTBOOK: The Economy Today (Principles of Economics for ECON 2301 and ECON 2302 – Custom Shrink Wrap Edition for Houston Community College, 14th edition)**, Bradley R. Schiller, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. 2013. Includes pass code for using the required CONNECT online tutorial. The required textbook packet (PRINTED VERSION AND CONNECT PASSCODE CARD) can be purchased at any of the following HCCS College Book Stores:
**(KATY CAMPUS) (ALIEF CAMPUS) (SPRING BRANCH CAMPUS)
(NORTHEAST COLLEGE) (SOUTHEAST COLLEGE)**

Once you have purchased the required textbook packet at an HCCS Book Store and have the pass code in hand **you must perform an initial online registration process for this course to use the CONNECT online tutorial.** Open the URL immediately below into your MOZILLA FIREFOX web browser (or any other compatible browser) and follow the directions...be prepared to provide the CONNECT passcode when you are prompted to do so. IF YOU PREFER AN ONLINE PURCHASE OF THE TEXTBOOK (INCLUDES AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE TEXT AND THE CONNECT PASSCODE YOU CAN PURCHASE IT AS PART OF THE INITIAL REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR CONNECT. [CONNECT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

REQUIRED ONLINE TUTORIAL: In addition to the required textbook, students taking this course will also use the **CONNECT** adaptive learning software package. The shrink wrap purchase includes a passcode used to complete an initial registration process for using the **CONNECT** tutorial throughout the semester. This software is absolutely required because:

- ✓ All semester chapter assignments and exercises are performed online on the **CONNECT** platform
- ✓ All tests and the final exam are performed online on the **CONNECT** platform.
- ✓ The initial online registration process for **CONNECT** requires that you provide a valid and current email address. **ALL ENROLLED HCCS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH AN HCCS STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNT. ALL EMAIL COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR PROFESSOR WILL BE THROUGH THIS HCCS EMAIL ACCOUNT.** You are totally responsible for regularly checking this provided email address for messages from your professor. You are also totally responsible for missing any important course related messages or alerts should

you fail to regularly check your email messages.

- ✓ Any two-weeks of course INactivity on the **CONNECT** tutorial (at any time or for any reason) during the semester will result in you being assigned a final course grade of "FX". I will NOT reinstate you in the course. If this happens, you will simply be referred to this particular provision in the course syllabus.

COURSE FORMAT:

NOTE WELL: For ALL chapters covered in this course students are fully expected to:

- 1) Read all parts of the textbook chapter;
- 2) Complete end-of-chapter questions and exercises in the textbook. (These are NOT to be turned in as part of calculating your final course grade.)
- 3) Access and thoroughly complete all chapter **LEARNSMART** modules AND assignment exercises in **CONNECT**
- 4) Access and use the available PowerPoint documents in **CONNECT**
- 5) Access and refer to Chapter Learning Objectives in **CONNECT**
- 6) Access and view any available videos and YouTube clips
- 7) From the **CONNECT** Library Menu access and complete all Self Quizzes

ALL tests and the final exam are administered online on the **CONNECT** platform. See the course calendar below for test dates, times, and chapters covered on each test.

FINAL COURSE GRADE DETERMINATION:

Three (3) tests and a final examination each are worth 25% of your final grade. Each of the three tests and the final exam will include multiple-choice questions (100%).

Completion of all of the **CONNECT** chapter exercises, assignments, and related activity are extremely important to your successful completion of the course. However, only your test and final exam scores will be used to calculate your final grade in the course.

GRADE SCALE: After all tests your semester numerical average will be applied to the following grade scale to determine your final letter grade (NO EXCEPTIONS):

Numerical average above 89.5 = "A"

Numerical average between 79.5 and 89.4 = "B"

Numerical average between 69.5 and 79.4 = "C"

Numerical average between 59.5 and 69.4 = "D"

Numerical average below 59.5 = "F"

MISSED TEST POLICY:

All tests and the final exam are to be administered online during time sensitive "windows" throughout the semester.

The first time you miss a test for whatever reason, a score of "0" will be entered in your grade book for the missed test.

The second time you miss a test for whatever reason, **a final grade of "FX" will be assigned to you at the end of the semester.**

If you miss the final exam for whatever reason or circumstance and the final exam is the second test you have missed, **a final grade of "FX" will be assigned to you at the end of the semester.**

There are no exceptions to this missed test policy. Please do not ask for any exceptions. NOTE: If you lose internet access at home or wherever you choose to perform your course activity, ALL HCCS Campus sites are equipped with fully-functioning computer labs where you can perform course activity.

CONNECT ASSIGNMENTS – These are very important to your successful completion of this course. - ALL assignments must be completed for all chapters. CONNECT has a Gradebook feature that records all online assignment activity throughout the semester. Completion of CONNECT assignments and activity is ***EXTREMELY*** important to a successful completion of this course. These chapter assignments are date and time sensitive. Once "closed" you will not be able to complete them. Completion of these assignments is NOT part of determining your final course grade.

CLASS “ATTENDANCE” AND COURSE ACTIVITY:

For purposes of this online course all of the following constitute required “attendance” and required course activity:

1. Accessing the EagleOnline learning platform and performing an initial login;
2. Performing an initial registration process for the **CONNECT** online tutorial;
3. Completing all posted chapter assignments, exercises, and sample quizzes in the **CONNECT** online tutorial’s LearnSmart component;
4. Accessing and reviewing all of the available **CONNECT** program’s chapter PowerPoint presentations, Learning Objectives, and sample quizzes and
5. Taking all scheduled tests and the final exam online on the **CONNECT** course tutorial. (See test dates, times, and chapters covered on each test in the course syllabus calendar.)

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the appropriate HCC Disability Support Service (DSS) Counselor at the beginning of each semester. Faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office.

After student accommodation letters have been approved by the DSS office and submitted to DE Counseling for processing, students will receive an email confirmation informing them of the Instructional Support Specialist assigned to their professor. *For questions, contact **The Disability Counselor for HCC-Northwest - Mahnaz Kolaini, 713-718-5422**. To visit the ADA Web site, log on to www.hccs.edu, click <Future Students>, scroll down the page and click on the link <Disability Information>*

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT

All students are required to follow all HCC Policies & Procedures, the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Handbook, and relevant sections of the Texas Education Code when interacting and communicating in a lecture or a virtual classroom with faculty and fellow students. Students who violate these policies and guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action that could include denial of access to course-related email, discussion groups, and chat rooms or being removed from the class.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

The HCCS Student Handbook defines a number of behaviors that constitute violation of the HCCS Academic Dishonesty policy. Disposition of all academic dishonesty incidents will be carried out in a manner as described in the Student Handbook. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the specific provisions of the HCCS Academic Dishonesty Policy provisions including the following sanctions:

- 1) Dismissal and or suspension from HCCS;
- 2) A final grade of “F” in the course and
- 3) An appropriate notation on the student’s HCCS permanent record.

I abhor cheating, lying, and other deceitful **behavior** whether it exists in the workplace or in the academic or online classroom. I will enforce the HCCS Academic Dishonesty Policy.

COURSE SYLLABUS CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Week 1 JAN 17 – JAN 24

See the COURSE FORMAT section of your course syllabus for a list of expected online activity on the required **CONNECT** online tutorial.

Complete your initial online login for EagleOnline 2.

Purchase textbook packet at selected HCCS Bookstores and use the included CONNECT passcode to complete the CONNECT initial registration **OR** to purchase the text and passcode online and to complete your CONNECT registration, go to the following website:

[CONNECT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Chapter 1 Economics: The Core Issues

CORRECTED COURSE CALENDAR FOR ECON 2302 – CRN 88899 16 WEEK

Week 2 – Jan 25 to Jan 31

Chapter 2: The U.S. Economy: A Global View

Week 3 February 1 to Feb 7

Chapter 3 Supply and Demand

Chapter 4 The Role of Government

Week 4 Feb 8 to 14

Chapter 19 Consumer Choice

Week 5 Feb 15 to 21

Chapter 20 Elasticity

Test #1 Window 4:00 PM Feb 19 to Feb 21st 10:00 PM over Chapters 1-4; 19, 20 on the CONNECT platform

Week 6 Feb 22-28'

Chapter 21 The Costs of Production

Week 7 Feb 29 to March 6

Chapter 22 The Competitive Firm

Chapter 23 Competitive Markets

Week 8 March 7 to 13

Chapter 24 Monopoly

WEEK 9 MARCH 14 TO MARCH 20 ----- SPRING BREAK – NO COURSE ACTIVITY

Week 10 March 21 to 27

NOTE WELL: EXTENDED SIX (6) DAY WINDOW FOR TEST #2

TEST 2 WINDOW 4:00 PM MONDAY MARCH 21 TO 10:00 PM SATURDAY

MARCH 26 ONLINE ON THE CONNECT PLATFORM OVER CHAPTERS 21 –

24

Chapter 25 Oligopoly

Chapter 26 Monopolistic Competition

Week 12 April 4- 10

Chapter 27 Natural Monopolies

Week 13 April 11- 17

Chapter 28 Environmental Protection

TEST 3 WINDOW 4:00 PM FRIDAY APRIL 15 UNTIL 10:00 PM SATURDAY APRIL 16 ONLINE ON THE CONNECT PLATFORM OVER CHAPTERS 25-28

Week 14 April 18-24

Chapter 30 – The Labor Market

Week 15 April 25 - May 1

Chapter 35 International Trade

Week 16 May 2 – May 8

Chapter 36 International Finance

FINAL EXAM WINDOW 4:00 PM FRIDAY MAY 13 UNTIL 10:00 PM SATURDAY MAY 14 ON THE CONNECT PLATFORM OVER CHAPTERS 30, 35 and 36.

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SUMMARY OF KEY COURSE SYLLABUS PROVISIONS

- ✓ **COURSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**: THIS COURSE SYLLABUS SPELLS OUT ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS COURSE. THESE PROVISIONS ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE AND THEY APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS. DO NOT ASK FOR ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THESE PROVISIONS...YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OR SPECIAL TREATMENT. YOU AND ONLY YOU ARE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO **ALL PARTS** OF THIS COURSE SYLLABUS.

- ✓ **THE COURSE CALENDAR**: THE SYLLABUS CONTAINS A SEMESTER CALENDAR THAT INCLUDES TEXTBOOK CHAPTER COVERAGE, ONLINE TESTING DATES (IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN A DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSE), AND FINAL EXAMINATION DATES (ALSO ADMINISTERED ONLINE IN DISTANCE COURSES).

✓ **REQUIRED COURSE TEXTBOOK:** ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS WILL PURCHASE THE REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PACKET THAT INCLUDES: 1) THE TEXTBOOK AND 2) A PASSCODE USED TO INITIALLY REGISTER FOR USING THE REQUIRED ONLINE TUTORIAL, *CONNECT*. (*CONNECT* IS ALSO CURRENTLY USED IN HCCS ENGLISH 1301 AND 1302 COURSES. A SEPARATE ONLINE INITIAL REGISTRATION IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE.) **IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE THE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PACKET AND COMPLETE THE REQUIRED INITIAL ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE BY 12:00 PM FEBRUARY 3, 2016 THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED “COURSE INACTIVITY” AND YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED A FINAL COURSE GRADE OF “FX” FOR THE SEMESTER.**

✓ ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR USING AN INTERNET WEB BROWSER THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE *CONNECT* ONLINE TUTORIAL. WHEN COMPLETING THE REQUIRED INITIAL ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR *CONNECT* WILL PERFORM A WEB BROWSER CHECK. YOU MUST USE A BROWSER THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE *CONNECT* PLATFORM. SUGGESTED: DOWNLOAD AND USE MOZILLA FIREFOX AS A BROWSER. **MAC USERS NOTE WELL:** *CONNECT* IS **NOT** COMPATIBLE WITH SAFARI.

✓ **TEXTBOOK PURCHASES:**

HCCS BOOK STORE PURCHASE - THE COURSE TEXTBOOK PACKET(HARD COPY OF THE TEXT AND THE *CONNECT* PASSCODE) MAY BE PURCHASED AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HCCS COLLEGE BOOK STORES:

KATY CAMPUS
SPRING BRANCH
NORTHEAST COLLEGE
SOUTHEAST COLLEGE

ONLINE PURCHASE - THE TEXTBOOK PACKET (ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE TEXTBOOK AND THE *CONNECT* PASSCODE) MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED ONLINE WHILE COMPLETING THE REQUIRED INITIAL REGISTRATION FOR THE *CONNECT* TUTORIAL. [CONNECT REGISTRATION LINK](#)

- ✓ **THE COURSE ENVIRONMENT. WHETHER ONLINE OR IN “LIVE LECTURE” FORMAT, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE IS CONSIDERED “WORK PLACE ACTIVITY”. AS SUCH, YOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR STRICT ADHERENCE TO SUBMISSION DUE DATES, TIMELINES, MISSED TEST POLICIES, AND COURSE ATTENDANCE OR COURSE ACTIVITY POLICIES.**

- ✓ **MISSED TESTS – NO “MAKE-UP” PROVISIONS WILL BE MADE FOR MISSED TEST DATES OR TEST TIMES. THE LOWEST OF YOUR SCHEDULED TESTS/EXAMINATIONS WILL BE DROPPED. IF YOU MISS A TEST FOR WHATEVER REASON, A SCORE OF “0” WILL BE ENTERED IN MY GRADE BOOK. HOPEFULLY, THE SCORE OF “0” FOR YOUR FIRST MISSED TEST SHOULD BE THE LOWEST TEST SCORE YOU RECORD AND IT WILL BE DROPPED IN THE CALCULATION OF YOUR FINAL GRADE. NOTE WELL: IF OR WHEN YOU MISS YOUR SECOND TEST, AGAIN, FOR WHATEVER REASON, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A FINAL GRADE OF “FX” FOR THE SEMESTER. NOTE: IF YOUR SECOND MISSED TEST IS THE FINAL EXAM YOU WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED A FINAL COURSE GRADE OF “FX”.**

WHAT CONSTITUTES “COURSE INACTIVITY”?

- ✓ NOT PERFORMING THE REQUIRED INITIAL ONLINE REGISTERING FOR THE REQUIRED CONNECT ONLINE TUTORIAL ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 OR

- ✓ MISSING (FOR WHATEVER REASON) A SECOND SCHEDULED TEST OR

- ✓ MISSING THE FINAL EXAMINATION (FOR WHATEVER REASON) IF THE FINAL EXAMINATION IS THE SECOND MISSED EVALUATION OR

- ✓ TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OF INACTIVITY ON THE REQUIRED CONNECT TUTORIAL.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN "FX" GRADE AND "COURSE INACTIVITY"

- ✓ ARE YOU ON **FINANCIAL AID**? -YOU MIGHT BE ASKED TO REFUND ANY/ALL HCCS FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENTS
or
- ✓ ARE YOU ON AN **EDUCATION F-1 VISA**? - YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR STUDENT VISA STATUS AND POSSIBLY FACE DEPORTATION
or
- ✓ ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING **U.S. VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE**? - YOU MIGHT BE ASKED TO REFUND ANY/ALL VETERAN'S BENEFITS DISBURSEMENTS
or
- ✓ ARE YOU A STUDENT UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE UNDER A PARENT'S CURRENT **HOSPITALIZATION/MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE**? YOU MIGHT LOSE ANY HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE BENEFITS
or
- ✓ ARE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN ANY OTHER PROGRAM WHOSE ELIGIBILITY IS BASED ON **MAINTAINING A "FULL-TIME STUDENT" STATUS**? YOU MIGHT BE RENDERED INELIGIBLE IN ANY TYPE OF PROGRAM OF THIS SORT.

NOTE VERY WELL! – VERY IMPORTANT

THE MINUTE YOU BECOME "INACTIVE" IN THIS COURSE YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A FINAL GRADE OF "FX" FOR THE COURSE. THIS WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE AND PERMANENT EFFECT ON ANY STUDENTS IN THE ABOVE-NAMED CATEGORIES. IF YOU BECOME INACTIVE, YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF YOUR COURSE FINAL GRADE OF "FX" AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER AND YOUR GRADE WILL NOT BE CHANGED. NO EXCEPTIONS. **NOTE WELL: THE FIRST THING A DEAN OR A GRADE APPEAL COMMITTEE WILL ASK IS: "WHAT DOES THE SYLLABUS SAY?"**

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE:

- ✓ STUDENTS ARE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WITHDRAWING THEMSELVES FROM THE COURSE ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DATE TO DROP. I WILL NOT ADMINISTRATIVELY WITHDRAW ANY STUDENTS FROM THIS COURSE. PLEASE DO NOT ASK ME TO DO SO...I WON'T DO IT!

HCCS ADMINISTRATIVE (INVOLUNTARY) WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS COURSE:

- ✓ THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE MAY RECEIVE NOTICE FROM THE HCCS BUSINESS OFFICE TO WITHDRAW STUDENTS FROM ALL COURSES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS OR INVALID OR INCOMPLETE CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS OR CHARGES. I WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED OF ANY SUCH WITHDRAWALS BY THE HCCS BUSINESS OFFICE. STUDENTS ARE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THAT THEIR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (BANKS) HAVE, IN FACT, MADE PROPER PAYMENTS TO HCCS FOR HCCS TUITION AND FEES.

- ✓ IF THIS INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES TAKES PLACE AND YOU CONTINUE PERFORMING COURSE ACTIVITY YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT FOR YOUR COURSE. I WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, REINSTATE YOU INTO THE COURSE AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR PROFESSOR:

- ✓ ALL CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOUR PROFESSOR WILL BE IN THE FORM OF EMAIL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOUR PROFESSOR ON HCCS EMAIL AND STUDENT HCCS EMAIL. (EACH STUDENT HAS AN HCCS EMAIL ACCOUNT CREATED WHEN THEY FIRST ENROLLED).

- ✓ YOUR PROFESSOR WILL NOT OPEN ANY EMAIL MESSAGES OR ANSWER ANY EMAIL MESSAGES SUBMITTED ON STUDENTS' PRIVATE EMAIL SERVERS.

END

P.S.....BE SURE TO READ THE MISSED TEST POLICY AND "COURSE INACTIVITY/"FX" PROVISIONS IN THIS SYLLABUS.

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