



COURSE SYLLABUS

Term: Fall 2015 (2015-1)

Course: Economic Theory & Personal Finance ECON160

Instructor Information:	
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Course Time:	Tuesday 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Classroom:	207
Prerequisites:	None
Required Books and Materials:	<u>Econ. Theory & Personal Finance</u> McGraw-Hill: ISBN 978-1-308-26293-2
Learning Outcomes/ Competencies: Students in this course will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and understand the workings of markets;• Analyze government's role in the economic system;• Develop an awareness of different approaches to basic personal financial decisions• Assess personal and economic factors that influence personal financial planning and develop personal financial goals• Differentiate among various types of credit• Apply analytical thinking to economic and personal financial situations	

<p>Course Description: This course introduces a range of economic theories. This includes basic principles of micro and macro economics, and business systems in relation to the economic society. The course uses this background to explore and consider the process of setting and achieving personal financial goals.</p>
<p>Learning Strategies: Class sessions will consist of a combination of lectures, videos, case studies and interactive discussions. Students will participate in both group and individual activities.</p>
<p>Experiential Learning Opportunities: The ability to apply the concepts discussed throughout the course is imperative to the learning process. Students will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate their knowledge by explaining economic principles in action in today’s society • Perform various personal finance calculations and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calculate sales taxes ○ Evaluate credit card options ○ Interpret life and causality insurance coverages ○ Evaluate investment options • Complete a semester long stock market project

Assessments:		
Major Assignments:	Exams Class participation/attendance/assignments	55% 45%
	550 total points possible	
Course Schedule:		
Class Date		
	See Attached Schedule	

I reserve the right to change this schedule to meet the needs of the class.

Responsibilities	
Attending Class	You cannot succeed in this class if you do not attend. We believe that intellectual growth and success in higher education occurs through interaction in the classroom and laboratories. However, we do not want to penalize students for participating in college-sponsored events. When you miss class because of a college event, you must give notice of your absence in advance, and you are responsible for all missed work. Being absent doesn’t excuse you from doing class work; you have more responsibilities to keep up and meet the objectives of this course.

	<p>Each student will begin the semester with 50 attendance points towards the final grade. One absence will be permitted without consequence. Subsequent absences will result in a 25 point deduction from the attendance points. More than three absences will result in lowering the final grade by one letter. To receive attendance credit, you must be present for at least one half the class period (90 minutes). Classes canceled by the school or the professor will have no effect on the student's attendance record. If class is canceled, the student will still be responsible for all assignments. If unable to attend class, a courtesy call to the instructor would be appreciated. Student will be subjected to a grade of F or FW per policy stated under the Withdrawal from Classes section on this syllabus.</p>
<p>Turning In Your Work</p>	<p>You cannot succeed in this class if you do not turn in all your work on the day it is due. Late assignments will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend class when an assignment is due you may fax or email it.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete all assigned task. Weekly homework assignments will be reviewed and noted as above. Homework assignments are linked to the exams.</p>
<p>Using Electronic Devices</p>	<p>Electronic devices can only be used in class for course-related purposes. If you text or access the Internet for other purposes, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.</p> <p>ABSOLUTELY NO TEXTING during class. Each time you are caught texting, 10 points will be deducted from you point total</p>
<p>Participating in Class</p>	<p>Class begins at 7:00 PM sharp. You are expected to be ON TIME. If you arrive late (including exam nights) you will be penalized 5 points for EACH class you arrive at tardy. In fairness, if the instructor is tardy, you will be awarded 5 points extra credit.</p> <p>You must be on time, stay for the whole class and speak up in a way that shows you have done the assigned reading. If you are not prepared for class discussion, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.</p>
<p>Doing Your Own Work</p>	<p>If you turn in work that is not your own, you are subject to judicial review, and these procedures can be found in the College Catalog and the Student Planner. The maximum penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is dismissal from the College.</p> <p>Using standard citation guidelines, such as MLA or APA format, to document sources avoids plagiarism. The Library has reference copies of each of these manuals, and there are brief checklists in your Student Handbook and Planner.</p>

	PLEASE NOTE: All papers may be electronically checked for plagiarism.
Withdrawing from Class	After the last day established for class changes has passed (see the College calendar), you may withdraw from a course by following the policy outlined in the CCSJ Course Catalog.

Resources	
Student Success Center:	The Student Success Center provides faculty tutors at all levels to help you master specific subjects and develop effective learning skills. It is open to all students at no charge. You can contact the Student Success Center at 219 473-4287 or stop by the Library.
Disability Services:	Disability Services strives to meet the needs of all students by providing academic services in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. If you believe that you need a “reasonable accommodation” because of a disability, contact the Disability Services Coordinator at 219-473-4349.
CCSJ Alerts:	<p>Calumet College of St. Joseph’s emergency communications system will tell you about emergencies, weather-related closings, or other incidents via text, email, or voice messages. Please sign up for this important service annually on the College’s website at: http://www.ccsj.edu/alerts/index.html.</p> <p>In addition, you can check other media for important information, such as school closings:</p> <p>Internet: http://www.ccsj.edu Radio: WAKE – 1500 AM, WGN – 720 AM, WIJE – 105.5 FM, WLS – 890 AM, WZVN – 107.1 FM, WBBM NEWS RADIO 78 TV Channels: 2, 5, 7, 9, 32</p>

Other Important Notes

Grading Scale:

Available Points

Exam I	100 points
Exam II	100 points
Final	100 points
Stock Market Project	100 points
Homework	50 points
Class Participation	50 points
Attendance	50 points
Total Possible Points	550 points

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

Examinations:

There will be two examinations and a final. Each exam will be worth 100 points towards the final grade and will cover approximately five chapters of material. Each exam will consist of 50 - 100 objective questions. From time to time an extra credit question may be included. Extra credit questions are optional to the student. Make up exams will be considered under **extraordinary** circumstances. Prior approval must be obtained from the instructor and arranged in advanced. Be advised that make up exams will be a much more difficult version of the original exam and will be worth a maximum of 75 points. No makeup exam will be available for the final.

Any student maintaining an "A" average going into the final will be excused from the final exam

Class Assignments: (Subject to change)

Class Date	Topic-Assignment
Sep 1	Syllabus Review; Chapter 1 (from handout)
Sep 8	Chapter 2 (handout); Stock Project
Sep 15	Chapters 3 (Handout) & 3 from Economic Theory & Finance
Sep 22	Chapter 4 from Economic Theory Finance
Sep 29	Exam I (Five Chapters Above)
Oct 6	Chapters 7&10
Oct 13	Chapters 12 & 9
Oct 20	Chapter 13-14
Oct 27	Exam II
Nov 3	TBA
Nov 10	Chapters 15 & 16
Nov 17	Taxes (handout)
Nov 24	Chapter 17 & 18
Dec 1	Stock Project
Dec 8	Final Exam