

Economics 220:395:02
Law & Economics
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Date/Time: M/W
6:10 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Murray Hall 212

Office Hours: Immediately after class & by appointment

Prerequisites: Intro to Microeconomics 220:102
Intro to Macroeconomics 220:103
(Lower level elective)

Textbook: Cooter & Ulen, Law and Economics, 6th Edition.
This book is available for free at
<http://scholarship.law.berkeley.edu/books/2/>

Additional Text: U.S. Department of Justice & Federal Trade Commission.
Horizontal Merger Guidelines (2010). (Available for free online)

Exams: There will be three non-comprehensive exams during the semester, and a comprehensive final exam, each of which is worth 1/3 of your grade. I will drop the lowest grade, including the final exam, so that your exam grade is based on the best 3 grades out of 4. If you are satisfied with your grade going into the final exam, you may choose to not take the final exam, and I will drop the final exam grade.

Final Exam: The final exam for this course is scheduled for
Monday, May 8 at 8:00 PM.
(Final exam schedule available at <http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>)

Late Work/Assignments: Late work and makeup exams will, as a rule, not be accepted. Because of my policy of dropping the lowest exam grade (including a zero resulting from not taking an exam), I do not offer makeup exams. In the (extremely unlikely) event that you must miss two exams due to legitimate reasons, contact me for alternate arrangements. Documentation for both events will be required.

Grades:

- A : 90% +
- B+: 87.5% - 89.9%
- B : 80% - 87.4%
- C+: 77.4% - 79.9%
- C : 70% - 77.4%
- D : 60% - 69.9%
- F : Below 60%

Class Rules:

1. Turn off your cell phone ringer—to “silent,” not to “vibrate.” I reserve the right to eject any disruptive class members, and I find ringing phones and texting disruptive. Seriously. Turn them off.
2. Please be considerate of your classmates and of me and arrive on time.
3. During exams, cell phones **must** be put away and cannot be used as a calculator or a clock.
4. Be thoughtful using a computer to take notes in class. Some students are capable of doing this successfully, so I will not ban it outright. However, the temptation to stop taking notes and begin browsing Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/Snapchat/YikYak/Xanga/LiveJournal/Ravelry is great; this is distracting not only to you, but also to those around you. If it becomes a problem, I may reconsider my position on a laptop ban.
5. Attendance is not mandatory, but it’s a good idea to come to class. I may call attendance to help me put names with faces. Further, since exam dates are not listed on the syllabus (they will be announced ahead of time in class and on Sakai), students are responsible for knowing when the exams are scheduled, and missing a class on the day(s) the exam date is announced is not an acceptable excuse for missing an exam. I will schedule the first exam before the drop date, so you can make an informed decision about your performance in the class.
6. If you think that I made a mistake grading an assignment, the statute of limitations for requesting a scoring change is 2 weeks from the date that I return exams to the class.

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<http://codu.co/cee05e>

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(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

www.vpva.rutgers.edu/

Scarlet Listeners, for confidential peer counseling and referral hotline:

<http://www.scarletlisteners.com/> or call (732) 247-5555

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