

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS ECON 3341**  
**Fall 2017**

**COURSE NUMBER: ECO 3341 T TH 12:30–1:45 pm**

**COURSE TITLE: COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS**

**PREREQUISITES: ECON 2300, or ECON 2301 or ECON 2302**

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**OFFICE HOURS: Office Hours: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. M - TH and by appointment**

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**NO Required Text:**

I will post the lecture outlines to blackboard. Please print out each chapter and use it to follow each lecture. I will also assign reading assignments that I will post on blackboard.

**Course Objectives:** After completing this course, the student will have learned to:

1. develop the method and subject matter of economics.
2. analyze the workings of a market economy and a centrally-planned economy. Numerous variations of these models will be examined.
3. define, describe and analyze concepts and characteristics of modern economic systems.
4. develop tools and methods of analysis and compare economic system, including transition economies and "Less developed" economies.

**Course Evaluation Process**

**Tests:**

There will be three (3) tests during the term. Tests 1 and 2 will be worth 100 points each and may include essay-type questions, problems, and objective questions. The final examination (test three) will be worth 150 points, including approximately 50 points of comprehensive material.

**Quizzes:**

During the term, quizzes (problem sets or short essays) will be assigned. The quizzes will have a total value of 125 points. Ten points will be deducted for each day the quiz is late. The instructor reserves the right to assign quiz material to be completed "in class".

**Make-up Test:**

In the event that a student is absent for a scheduled test, a single COMPREHENSIVE ESSAY, makeup test will be given toward the end of the semester. Makeup test will combine multiple choice with short answer questions.

**Attendance:**

Regular and punctual class attendance is expected; tests and quizzes are based on class presentations and also from text materials. Students can earn a maximum of 25 points based on class attendance. Points will be assigned as follows:

Classes Missed	Points
0-2	25
3	15
4	5
5 or more	0

**Course Grade:**

Final grades will be based on the percentage of total points (500 points possible) obtained during the term. Averages will be determined as follows:

two (2) tests	40%
comprehensive final test	30%
Quizzes	25%
Attendance	5%

**Letter grades will be assigned in the following manner:**

90% and above	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
Below 60%	F

**Policies for Students** <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

The Graduate Faculty of Sam Houston State University expects students to conduct academic work with integrity and honesty. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the University.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit), the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments.

## **STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: “a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20....” A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the University. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center. Contact and location information for Counseling Center below:

## **VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM**

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar’s Office.

## **RULES FOR CLASS CONDUCT (INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES)**

The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text messenger during class-time may be prohibited if deemed disruptive by the instructor to the conduct of the class. Arrangements for handling potential emergency situations may be granted at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to comply with the instructor's policy could result in expulsion from the classroom or with multiple offenses, failure of the course.

Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty.

**Students are not allowed to use cell phones in class.** Please turn them off as you enter the classroom and keep them stored out of sight. To maintain a proper academic learning environment in the classroom, here are some rules:

- **ALL cell phones and electronic devices are to be turned OFF and put away** so there will be no phones going off or be seen out, as well as no web surfing, instant messaging or texting during the class period.
- Do not read newspapers or other materials during class.
- Do not work on any other class assignments during the class.
- Don't make conversation with your neighbors during class. This bothers everybody else. Save the chatter for after class. If you have something to contribute to lecture, please raise your hand until you are acknowledged.
- Students who sleep in a class or read non-class materials in class disrupt the course. There is a great difference between "active listening" and ignoring the activities of a class session.

**Violations of any of the above will result in points being deducted (2.5 points deducted for each violation) from your class point total at the discretion of Professor Bumpass.**

## COURSE OUTLINE

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WEEK	DAYS	CHAPTERS & MATERIALS COVERED	TOPIC(S)
1	8.24	1	Introduction, Basic Concepts
2	8.29-8.31	2	Overview of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
3	9.5-9.7	3	Why are some nations rich and some nations poor? Roots of Economic System
4	9.12-9.14	4	A Closer Look at a Market Economy
5	9.19-9.21	4	Institutions of a Market Economy
6	9.26-9.28	Test 1	Chapters 1-4 and class notes
7	10.3-10.5	5	Socialism as an Economic System
8	10.10-10.12	6	Soviet Socialism
9	10.17-10.19	7	Developed Market Economies: France & Sweden
10	10.24-10.26	7	Britain, Germany
11	10.31-11.2	7	European Union
12	11.7-11.9	Test 2	Chapters 5 - 7 and class notes
13	11.14-11.16	8	Asian Economies: Japan, South Korea
14	11.21	8	China
			Thanksgiving break 11.22 – 11.26
15	11.28-11.30	9, 10	Latin America, Africa, Islam
16	12.4-12.7	Test 3	Final Exam Week Eco 3341: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 1:00-3:00 pm