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Course Prerequisites: Econ 2306 or consent of instructor.

Required Material:
2. Economics of Crime Supplements - NOT AT BOOKSTORE – AVAILABILITY WILL BE ANNOUNCED.
3. Selected Blog Readings and other items to be announced and / or posted.

Optional Material: A Principles of Micro textbook may be helpful for students who have not had an economics course over the last few semesters. The text will serve to supplement lecture material over topics such as indifference curves, price discrimination, etc.

Attendance: Roll will be taken at each class. Students are expected to attend. A seating chart will be used. If you regularly miss class, I will assume that the class is not very important to you.

Testing: All students are expected to take the tests at the assigned time. Test format will generally be a combination of multiple choice and/or short answer. In addition, some graphing will be required. If for some reason you must miss the test, you should notify me beforehand. Makeup tests are for extenuating circumstances only. For example, serious illness or death in the family, etc. **Makeup tests will be given at the end of the semester and may be all essays.**

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Test format will include short answer, T-F, MC, and problem solving. In addition, some graphing will be required. Scantrons will be needed-style 882E.

Quizzes: 10 point “pop quizzes” may be given during the semester over assigned readings. Approximately 5 quizzes may be given. The two lowest scores will be dropped. **NO MAKE-UPS FOR THESE QUizzes!**

Grading Scale: A = 90-100%  B = 80-89%  C = 70-79%  D = 60-69%  F = Below 60

Class Format and Goal: **MUCH OF THE CORE MATERIAL WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE INSTRUCTOR IN A LECTURE FORMAT.** Additionally, overheads or other class visual aids may be used. Therefore, attendance is obviously important. **If you miss class, you are still responsible for what is said in class!** The goal of this course is to provide an economic analysis and understanding of issues related to different areas of crime. Included is the study of the allocation of scarce resources in the prevention of crime. In addition, this course will apply various economic principles into the criminal justice arena under the premise that criminal behavior reduces the effectiveness of the capitalistic system.

Please Note: We will attempt to stay with an organized schedule as much as possible. However, there may be times we depart from structure and address relevant and/or current issues. These may be economic, social or political. Outside articles may be assigned and/or discussed from time to time. Class discussions will be expected from time to time. **Please show respect for your fellow classmates at all times. (Avoid soapboxes.)**

Disclaimer Regarding Syllabus: I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus as the semester progresses. Students are responsible for being aware of these changes.

Student Learning Outcomes: The student will be able to explain and discuss the course content as noted in the course and subject outline and demonstrate their knowledge of course material through examinations, quizzes, and class discussions. Below is a list of topics / material which I anticipate covering. Additional notes/topics may also be presented. This list is subject to change.
### Section 1 – Test #1
1. **Principles Review**  
   Demand & Supply  
   Elasticity  
   Market Failures-Govt / Exter.  
2. **EOC 1-3 (thru p. 69)**  
3. Supplement Notes  
4. Capitalism & Crime  
5. Defining the Problem-Stats  
6. Crime in the Market Place  
7. Cost Benefit-Criminal  
8. Utility Theory & the Criminal  
9. Additional Handouts

**READINGS:**  
Colson Article  
“Profiles in Courage”  
“Murder Mystery”  
Other - TBA  

**Additional information and / or current events may be added.**

### Section 2 – Test #2
1. **EOC 4-5 (and p.70+ Ch 3)**  
2. Supplement Notes  
3. Cost Benefit Analysis – Legal  
4. Efficient Resource Allocation  
5. Equimarginal Principle  
6. Marxian Theory  
7. Economy & Crime

**READINGS:**  
“White Underclass”  
Other - TBA

**Additional information and / or current events may be added.**

### Section 3 – Final
1. **EOC 6-10**  
2. Supplement Notes  
3. Drugs  
4. White Collar Crime  
5. Organized Crime  
6. Employee Crime  
7. Capital Punishment  
8. Cyber Crime  
10. Remaining Text, etc  
11. Additional Handouts

**READINGS:**  
“Open Letter..” – Friedman  
“Response..” – Bennett  
Counterfeiting  
“Myths of Gun Control”  
E-Bay Cases  
Other - TBA

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**PLAIN CALCULATORS ONLY!** – No text devices to be used during tests for any purpose, i.e. – pagers, cell phones, etc...

**E-Mail:** E-Mail is to be used for academic purposes. Do not use e-mail to forward jokes or political views. Any harassing or profane e-mail will be reported to campus authorities and subject to disciplinary action.

**Student Meetings:** All student meetings and / or correspondence, whether by e-mail, telephone, mail, or personal interview will be documented.

**Important Dates:**
- Jan 17 MLK Holiday
- Jan 18 – First Regular Class Day for UTA Students
- Mar 14-18 – Spring Break – No Classes
- Apr 1 – Last Drop Date for Undergraduate Students
- April 11-15 – UTA Business Week
- May 6 – Last Class Day
- May 9-13 – Final Exam Week

**Grade Grievances:** You have one calendar year from the date the grade is assigned to initiate any grievance. The normal academic channels are department chair, academic dean, and the Provost.

**Drop Policy:** If a student fails to complete the course, the student must withdraw from the course in accordance with University Regulations. Students are strongly encouraged to notify their instructor before dropping a course after the first withdrawal date. A student who drops a course after the first withdrawal date may receive an “F” in the course if the student is failing at the time the course is dropped.

**Academic Integrity:** The philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** If a student requires accommodation based on disability, the student should meet with the instructor in his/her office during the first week of the semester. As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide “reasonable accommodation” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of the nature of the disability and providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.

**College Policy:** Students who have not paid the census date and are dropped for non-payment cannot receive a grade for the course in any circumstances. Therefore a student dropped for non-payment who continues to attend the course will not receive a grade for the course. Emergency loans are available to help students pay tuition and fees. Students may apply for emergency loans by going to the Emergency Tuition Loan Distribution Center at E.H. Hereford University Center (near the southwest entrance).

**Electronic Communication Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University “MavMail” address as the sole official means of communication with students. MavMail is used to remind students of important deadlines, advertise events and activities, and permit the University to conduct official transactions exclusively by electronic means. For example, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation are now sent to students through the MavMail system. All students are assigned a MavMail account. Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/email/. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active even after they graduate from UT Arlington.

**Bomb Threats:** If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by bomb threats. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

**Evacuation Procedure:** In the event of an evacuation of the College of Business Building, when the fire alarm sounds, everyone must leave the building by the stairs. With the fire alarm system we now have, the elevators will all go to the first floor and stay there until the system is turned off. "EVACUATION FOR DISABLED PERSONS: Please go to the Northeast fire stairs. An evacu track chair is located on the 6th floor stairwell. Employees trained in the use of this chair will go to the 6th floor and bring the chair to any lower floor stairwell to assist disabled persons."