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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.

Optional Material:  
Micro-Economics DeMystified – Depken – McGraw Hill or Other Micro Text  
This Micro text is a relatively inexpensive book and will be helpful for those students who need some refresher on micro topics. Those students already well versed in micro principles will not need this text. 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.

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 / Extern.
2. EOC 1-3 (thru p. 69)
3. CBC 1-4
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”
- Additional information and / or current events may be added.

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

**READINGS:**
- “White Underclass”
  - 5/29/05 & 1/6/08 – Terrorism & Poverty (Becker & Posner)
  - 8/28/05 – Econ of Corruption (Posner & Becker)
- Additional information and / or current events may be added.

### Section 3 – Final
1. EOC 6-10
2. CBC – Remaining Pages
3. Drugs
4. White Collar Crime
5. Organized Crime
6. Employee Crime
7. Capital Punishment
8. Cyber Crime
9. Crime – 90’s-Levitt
10. Remaining Text, etc
11. Additional Handouts

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

**Blogs:**
- 3/20/05 – War on Drugs (Becker & Posner)
- 3/26/05 – War on Drugs (Posner)
- 3/27/05 – Legalizing Drugs (Becker)
- 12/18/05 – Econ of Cap Pun. (Posner & Becker)
- 12/25/05 – Further Comments on Cap Pun. (Becker & Posner)

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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 18 MLK Holiday
- Jan 19 – First Regular Class Day for UTA Students
- Mar 15-19 – Spring Break – No Classes
- Apr 2 – Last Drop Date for Undergraduate Students
- April 12-16 – UTA Business Week
- May 7 – Last Class Day
- May 10-14 – 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:** It is the student’s responsibility to complete the course or withdraw from the course in accordance with University Regulations. Students are strongly encouraged to verify their grade status 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:** It is 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 an 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 at the beginning of the semester and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.

**College Policy:** Students who have not paid by 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 can apply for emergency loans by going to the Emergency Tuition Loan Distribution Center at E.H. Hereford University Center (near the southwest entrance).

**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.