

Syllabus
Economics 355
THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS

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Course Objectives:

The course has two objectives. The first is to provide students with critical thinking skills that apply economic logic by providing a basic understanding of ·the nonprofit form and its implications; ·the economics of nonprofit institutions; ·how incentives influence the evolution of charities; and ·current trends/issues in nonprofit organizations. The second, and equally important, objective is to teach students how to express their ideas effectively through writing.

Required Text: None

Course Requirements and Grades:

This course is writing intensive. Ninety percent of the final grade is based on a series of brief (1.5 pages MAXIMUM) papers on various topics related to the course material. Papers must be typed double spaced using 12-point font with one-inch margins. ***Late papers are not accepted under any circumstances; the grade of zero is assigned to a late or omitted paper; papers MUST be handed in during class -- not after class has been dismissed.*** E-mailed papers are not accepted, nor are faxes. In addition to content, papers will be graded on punctuation, organization, spelling, diction, and grammar. There are no exams. Five percent of the grade is based on class participation, and five percent is based on a book review that you will present in class. ***ACTIVE class participation*** is required in addition to ***punctual (if door is closed, don't open it) and consistent attendance***. You should expect to be called on to contribute to the discussion and prepare accordingly.

I will communicate with the class by e-mail; you will benefit by checking your e-mail frequently. *Office Hours:* Friday 8:30-10:00; other times by appointment. I shall always try to come to class early -- and stay late -- so that you will have an opportunity to meet with me if your concern can be addressed quickly. NOTE: My office is adjacent to the meeting room; you can come in before or after class easily.

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