

COURSE SYLLABUS
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Department: Economics and Finance
Course Title: Free Market Economics

Course No EC235
Revision Spring 2010

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

Alternative methodology to conventional economics, praxeology, which stresses the deductive approach. Frequently referred to as the Austrian School, this approach dominates the analysis of the strongest proponents of free markets or laissez faire. (3)

II. Prerequisite(s):

15 hours

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

- A. The primary objective to build the tools of economic analysis using three simple and apodictically true axioms.
 - i. Men employ means to achieve ends.
 - ii. There is a variety of human and natural resources.
 - iii. Leisure is a consumer good.
- B. Use these tools to analyze the issues covered in a course based on conventional economics.
- C. Expose the questionable assumptions upon which conventional economics is based.
- D. Reveal the shallowness and ambiguity of economics based on the national income accounts, i.e., conventional macroeconomics.
- E. Demonstrate that a quantitative approach to economics is in large measure a violation of Occam's razor; verbal logic is sufficient.

IV. Expectations of the Students:

- A. Normal requirements include at least two hours of study time for each hour spent in class.
- B. Attendance is expected at all class meetings. Advance preparation is necessary. Students are expected to read and study assigned materials in detail and are responsible for all assignments.
- C. Comfortable accessing documents on the web.

V. Course Content and Outline:

Class Periods

A.	Fundamentals of Human Action	5	
B.	Barter Exchange		5
C.	Monetary Exchange	5	
D.	Utility and Price		5
E.	The Structure of Production	5	
F.	Interest Rate Determination	5	
G.	Entrepreneurship		3
H.	Monopoly and Competition	4	
I.	Money	4	
J.	Market Intervention		4

VI. Text(s) or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

- A. Callahan, Gene. Economics for Real People. Second edition. (Auburn, Alabama: Mises Inst. 2004). ISBN: 0-945466-41-2 [Available online]
- B. Rothbard, Murray N. Man, Economy, and State with Power and Market. (Auburn, Alabama: Ludwig von Mises Institute, 2004 [1962]). ISBN: 0-945466-30-7 [Available online]

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation

- A. Examinations
- B. Assignments