Course Policies

1. This course is an upper division economics course, whose purpose is to get students to "THINK" like economists.

2. There will be two examinations, one after Part I worth twenty (20) percent of the final grade which will be an objective item exam (True/False, multiple choice) and a final examination worth thirty (30) percent which is a take home essay exam with five questions you pick four worth 25% of the total of the final exam. There will be a total of four quizzes, I will count the best two and they are worth 10% of the final grade. The remaining forty (40) percent (that is 20% each for a total of 40)\(^1\), is your doing the research finding the literature for the Parts VI and VII of the course. You are to cite the relevant articles, and give a one paragraph synopsis for each of the articles, and answer the question “Why?” the results are the way they are for both parts – limit 150 words.

3. The grade scale is:

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\(^1\) Turn #VI in before Thanksgiving so you have feedback before completing #VII. I will allow teams of up to three persons on each of these – the teams must be different for each part, and I will grade team efforts more critically than single efforts – but you must do at least one these assignments in a team.
4. Attendance will not be taken, however, it is strongly encouraged.

5. All other department, school, campus and university policies will be applicable to this course and strictly observed.

6. Have fun with this!!


Journal articles are available online from JSTOR at the IPFW Library site

New Times items are available from NY Times online

**I. Introduction (two quizzes in this section)**

1. An Explanatory Note - Freakonomics pp. ix - xii


----FIRST TEST----

**II. Schoolteachers and Sumo Wrestlers. (One quiz in one of these II, III, and IV)**


**III. The Ku Klux Klan and Real-Estate Agents**

1. The Ku Klux Klan and Real-Estate Agents - *Freakonomics* pp. 53-85


**IV. Why Do Drug Dealers Still Live with Their Moms?**


**V. Where Have All the Criminals Gone? (One quiz in this section)**

1. Where Have All the Criminals Gone?  *Freakonomics*, pp. 115-44.


VI. **What Makes a Perfect Parent?**

1. What Makes a Perfect Parent? Freakonomics, pp143-175

VII. **Perfect Parenting, Part II; or Would Roshanda by Any Other Name Smell as Sweet?**

1. Perfect Parenting, Part II; or Would Roshanda by Any Other Name Smell as Sweet? Freakonomics, pp. 177-04

VII. **Epilogue: Two Paths to Harvard** [time permitting]


----FINAL EXAM-----