

Austrian Theory of the Market Process I
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course investigates the various aspects of the Austrian school of economics. It is designed for advanced students of economics whose goal is to become a scholar in market process economics. The main goal is to introduce you to the various theories and insights of the Austrian school. In addition to providing an introduction to the various ideas that constitute market process economics, a second aim is to demonstrate how Austrian economics provides a set of tools for making original and novel scholarly contributions to the broader economics discipline. Toward this end, another goal of this course is to help you develop the skills required to generate original research in the field of market process economics. You will internalize important prevailing strands in the existing literature and work on developing, organizing, and conveying original insights that build on these ideas through written work.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, you will:

1. Understand the foundations of market process economics.
2. Understand the major strands of academic literature in market process economics.
3. Be able to synthesize existing ideas about the market process in the literature and build on these ideas to generate novel contributions to this literature.
4. Be able to write academic papers in the field of market process economics suitable for peer review.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:
ECON 611

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

The reading for this course comes from two sources: excerpts from books, which are available in the university bookstore and listed below, and journal articles, also listed below. You may obtain these articles online (through JSTOR or elsewhere), via the link I've provided on the reading list, or in the library. Required readings are indicated with an asterisk. The other readings are recommended, especially if you desire to pursue Austrian economics as a field, but are not mandatory. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all of the relevant readings for each topic, but rather is intended to provide some of the core readings in each area on the syllabus.

This is a PhD-level course. Please do all of the required readings and come to class prepared to discuss them. More so than other areas of economics, market process economics traverse economic, sociological, philosophical and political dimensions. This makes market process economics very exciting on the one hand, but demands that issues be covered in a more nuanced fashion, in some instances, on the other.

Required Books:

Ludwig von Mises, [1949] (1996) *Human Action*, 4th ed.
<http://mises.org/Books/humanaction.pdf>

F. A. Hayek, *Individualism and Economic Order* (1948).

Murray N. Rothbard, *Man, Economy and State (with Power and Market)* [1962] (2009)
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Yeager, Leland B. "Why Subjectivism?" *The Review of Austrian Economics* 1(1): 5-31.

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Yeager, Leland B. 1999. "Should Austrians Scorn General-Equilibrium Theory?" *The Review of Austrian Economics* 11(1-2): 19-30.

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3. Economic Calculation

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COURSE ACTIVITIES:

Lectures
Class discussion
Writing papers
Presentation

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ASSIGNMENTS:

Your grade in this course is based on two short papers worth fifteen percent each, a presentation of one of your ideas that is worth ten percent, and one final full-length research paper worth sixty percent, in which you will fully develop one of your ideas. Papers are due at the beginning of the class period on the dates given below. Papers submitted after class on the due date will be considered late. One letter grade will be deducted from your work for each day it is late. Failure to turn in a paper to me three days after the due date will result in an automatic F.

Papers should be double-spaced with conventional font size and margins and consist of original thinking. The idea is to learn how to generate new, publishable research in market process economics. Literature reviews, summaries of the readings, extensively paraphrasing or quoting others, etc. are therefore not permitted. I want to see your original idea written up as you would a full-blown paper on your topic. Your paper should look like, read like, and 'feel' like an academic journal article. We will discuss further what this means for your assignments in class. Obviously, since you have a few weeks to write each paper and its length is seriously truncated, you will not actually 'carry out' what you describe. You will, however, develop your idea, write an abstract for your idea, properly motivate it, describe how you would carry it out, and include a list of references you would draw on were you to develop the paper further.

Paper 1: October 7

Paper 2: November 18

Final Paper: Tuesday, December 14 by 3:00pm

Each class member will give a short presentation of one of their papers. We will follow a seminar format where the paper is distributed to the class a week before the presentation. The class is expected to read the paper prior to the presentation. The presenter will provide a short overview of the core arguments and themes of their paper. There will then be open discussion regarding the paper. The purpose of this exercise is twofold: (1) to introduce the members of the class to the seminar format, and (2) to provide constructive feedback that can be used in revising the paper. I will determine the schedule of presentations during the semester.

***We will not have class on the following dates: September 9, November 25 ***

ATTENDANCE:

Although I do not “grade on attendance,” I highly recommend coming to each period.

DETERMINATION OF GRADE:

Each of the two short papers are worth 15% of your grade (30% total). The presentation is worth 10% and the final paper is worth 60%. The grading scale is as follows:

A	93+
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	59-

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Cheating will not be tolerated and can result in a failing grade, dismissal from class, and expulsion from the university. If I suspect you of cheating I will seek the appropriate punishment under George Mason University guidelines. Please review the George Mason University Honor System and Code: <http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/plagiarism.htm>