Special Topics: Government Relations to Business

ECON 5990-103

Analysis of economic aspects of government regulation and direction of business enterprise; controls affecting managerial discretion in the determination of prices and other basic business policies, especially antitrust policies and business practices affecting competition, and energy sector issues.

Location: OCCE, Norman, Oklahoma. Classes are held at the Thurman White Forum Building of OCCE, 1704 Asp Avenue.
Hours: Fri 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 8, 2011

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Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

2. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.
Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

Course Outline:

I. Horizontal Structure

a. The Economic and Legal Context
   i. Merger Analysis in Restructured Electricity Supply Industries: The Proposed PSEG and Exelon Merger (2006) pg. 8 – 29
      http://www.amazon.com/Baby-Boom-Diane-Keaton/dp/B0000542C9/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1248309824&sr=8-1

II. Horizontal Practices

a. The Economic and Legal Context
   iii. The Use of Bundled Rebates by a Dominant Firm: LePage’s v. 3M (2003) pg. 248 – 275

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

The course outline above should serve as a guide for reading and study. It is urged that the student take notes on the required reading materials. The principal portion of the reading should be done before the class commences. Students should go to the course website at learn.ou.edu and click on the content tab. There are additional readings and videos that should be completed for some of the sections.

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F. Students will write a term paper (approximately between 12 and 20 double-spaced pages in length) based on the issues covered in the class. This will consist of half of the course grade. Due date: 2 weeks after last class date. The other half of the grade will be based on class participation, discussion, and presentations.

NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

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Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course.

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Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Ph.D. 1993, M.S. 1990 (Economics)
- Oklahoma State University: B.S. 1988 (Business Administration)

Current Positions

Advanced Programs professor since 2005

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

- ECON 4753 Analysis of Contemporary Economic
- ECON 5073 Contemporary Economic Methods and Analysis
- ECON 5613 International Economics-Trade
- ECON 5633 International Economics-Finance

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- International Trade and Finance
- Macroeconomics
- Statistics

Representative Publications and Presentations


Representative Honors and Awards Received

Received Richard Leftwich award for top economics graduate, Oklahoma State University, 1988.