

ECO 5302
Seminar in Economic Issues--Free Enterprise

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Textbook: **None**
All readings will be provided by the professor

Outline of the Course

International Trade

“Candlemakers’ Petition” by Frederic Bastiat
“On Foreign Trade” by David Ricardo
“Restraint of Trade” by Frederic Bastiat

The Role of Government

“The Nature of Government” by Ayn Rand
“On the Duty of Civil Disobedience” by Henry David Thoreau
“The Role of Government in a Free Society” by Milton Friedman

Exam #1

Race and IQ

Excerpts from **The Bell Curve** by Herrnstein and Murray

Free Markets and Economic Knowledge

“The Use of Knowledge in Society” by F. A. Hayek
“The Creative Powers of a Free Civilization” by F. A. Hayek
“Private Property and the Government and the Impracticability of Socialism”
by Ludwig von Mises

Exam #2

Capitalism and Altruism

“The Moral Meaning of Capitalism” by Ayn Rand

“Man’s Rights” by Ayn Rand

“The Moral Foundations of Society” by Margaret Thatcher

Environmental Issues

“Environmentalism Refuted” by George Reisman

“Global Warming: The Origin and Nature of Alleged Scientific Consensus”
by Richard Lindzen

Exam #3

All three exams will consist entirely of essay questions. Each exam will be worth a maximum of 100 points. Your grade in the course will be determined as follows:

A: 270-300 points

B: 240-269 points

C: 210-239 points

D: 180-209 points

F: 0-179 points

Unless you have made different, explicit arrangements with me, all tests should be completed and faxed, emailed, or mailed back to me so that I receive them by **noon** on **August 11, 2006**.

The State of Texas mandates that the following be included on all course syllabi:

Students with Disabilities

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