

Dear ECO 1 Students,

Welcome to the ECO 1 Summer Session 2017! Hope your summer break has been great so far! My name is Erkmen Giray Aslim, and I will be your instructor for this course. With class beginning next week, I am writing to send several pieces of important information. Please take some time to read this message carefully.

1. This ECO 1 online course takes place during the first summer session from **May 23 to June 29**. We will have six weeks to cover the core material from two major parts in Economics: Micro and Macroeconomics. I will try my best to make the learning process fun and pleasant, but this course requires a lot of work on your part since it moves at a faster pace than a regular semester course. Therefore, it is imperative for you to keep up with the materials and to be well organized with your study time.
2. We will be using a software called **Zoom** for online instruction. If you don't have one, please purchase a headset with microphone. Phone headsets usually work fine. I will be using the video feature, which works with tablet and smart phone cameras as well. You are not required to buy a device with a camera (or a separate webcam) but I encourage you to use the video feature with me.
3. Please make sure you perform an online test session before our first online meeting to properly configure your computer. Detailed information on how to set up your volume and microphone and links to the online session will be on Coursesite shortly.
4. Our textbook will be **Economics (6th Edition)** by Hubbard & O'Brien. For more efficient learning, you should read the week's assigned material before our online lectures.
5. Homework and quizzes will be administered through **MyEconLab**. If you purchased a new book, it may already have an access code. In other cases you will need to purchase an access code separately. There is an option of purchasing an eTextbook together with access code for a discounted price. Course ID and set up information can be found on Coursesite.
6. There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. Both exams will be administered online through **ProctorU** and will involve multiple-choice and short-answer questions. ProctorU is a company that provides proctors who watch you take the test through your laptop camera. You will have

to pay for this service separately.

7. To make the course more interactive, we will have **two online Zoom sessions** every week (on Tuesdays and Thursdays at your scheduled time). During the sessions, I will review materials that you have read in the text, address any questions you have from the latest homework and quiz, and provide you with some insights regarding what to study for the week. Participation is highly valued (and highly encouraged!) during the online sessions, and will count towards your final grade. You are welcome to ask questions, whether they be related to the homework or quiz or from any pondering outside of class.

We will be using the Coursesite as our communication center for this course. Syllabus, course calendar, and all detailed information regarding online course resources will be posted on Coursesite. Be sure to read through the documents carefully before the course begins. Feel free to email me if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you all during our first online Zoom session!

Best regards,
Erkmen Giray Aslim