



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2005
Course:	Economics 599.07 [Micromotives and Macrobehaviour]	Section:	01
Time:	TBA	Place:	TBA (subject to change)
Instructor:	B. Curtis Eaton		
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Textbook(s):

Required:

Thomas Schelling, *Micromotives and Macrobehaviour*

Timur Kuran, *Private Truths and Public Lies*

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

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This course focuses on interpersonal externalities of the sort analyzed in Schelling's book, and in particular on the sometimes surprising macro implications of differing micro motives. We will work our way through Schelling's book, in three weekly sessions of 1 hour. Then we will look at some applications of Schelling's analytical framework, including the book by Timur Kuran listed above. There will be three 1 hour sessions devoted to applications. Students will write a report of 2 to 4 pages for each of these weekly sessions. Finally, students will be asked to write a term paper of approximately 15

to 20 pages in which they present their own work on an original research topic to be negotiated with the instructor.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The six weekly reports on assigned reading will account for 50% of the students mark, and the original research paper will account for the other 50%. There will be no examinations.

All assignments will be marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	90-100	B	70-74	C-	50-54
A	85-89	B-	65-69	D+	45-49
A-	80-84	C+	60-64	D	40-44
B+	75-79	C	55-59	F	0-39

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators will not be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

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Notes:

Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within* fifteen days of the work being returned to the class.

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