Course Description: ECON 1101. Economics of Social Issues. (3) Economic issues without emphasis on theoretical models. Although basic economic models are included. Contemporary economic issues such as pollution control, health care, unemployment, and crime are studied. A student is ineligible to take this course if credit has already been received for either ECON 2101 or ECON 2102. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Course Objectives: This course satisfies a Social Science requirement under the Inquiry in the Sciences section of the General Education Requirements. Along with other course objectives, this course will help the student to develop problem-solving skills; skills associated with independent thinking; and will address social, political, and global issues using tools of economic analysis.

Course Policies
Academic Integrity: Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNC Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity. (This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student’s work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend, to arrive on time and to stay the entire class period. When missing class, students will be expected to obtain class notes or assignments from other students in the class, not from me. I advise you to share e-mail addresses for this purpose. Your final grade may be affected by your attendance. See “Calculating the grade” below.
**Make-up work and late work:** There are no makeup tests, no makeup quizzes, etc. and no late work will be accepted except for students away representing the university. If a test is missed, the course grade will be calculated using the remaining test grade and the final examination grade. (See Option B in “Calculating the grade” below.)

**Grading:**

**Tests:** Two tests will be administered during the semester. The first is on September 20 and the second is on November 1. Due to the large class size, each test (100 points) will be comprised mostly of multiple choice and true false questions, and will be taken on opscan computer-graded forms that will be provided. Occasionally other formats may be used. Students should bring pencils. Test grades will be made available either via e-mail or on Moodle or both. I will e-mail the class when grades are available. Please note, students are not allowed to leave the classroom and return during an exam, so please take care of personal business before entering the room for the exam.

Students who arrive late for tests and/or the final examination will be permitted to take the test or exam provided that no student has turned in their paper prior to the student’s arrival. Once a paper has been turned in, late arriving students will not be permitted to begin the test or exam. A student who begins a test or exam late will not be given extra time at the end of the regular test or examination period.

**Final Exam:**
The final exam is required and will be comprehensive. According to the current University exam schedule, the final is Tuesday, December 11, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

**Calculating the grade:** Your percentage average score is computed with the following formula:

Option A: Average(%) = weighted average of test scores and final exam. Each test is weighted 30% and the final is weighted 40%.

Option B: Average(%) = weighted average of higher test score and final exam. The higher test score is weighted 30% and the final is weighted 70%.

The higher of Option A and Option B will be selected.

2 points will be added if you have 3 or fewer recorded absences from class.

Your course grade is determined by the following scale:

- A = 90 or above
- B = 80 - 89
- C = 70 - 79
- D = 60 - 69
- F = below 60

**Cell phones:** Please turn off cell phones and pagers before class begins and before any test or before the final exam. If you are expecting a life-or-death phone call, let me know. Otherwise, NO PHONES! It is very distracting for me and for those around you.

*The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.*
**Extremely Tentative** Calendar
This outline is extremely tentative. We will use it as a guide only. We’ll regularly regroup throughout the semester to update our schedule. Selected topics beginning with Week 12 on the calendar may change depending on current events and the wishes of the class. Test dates will not change, though chapters may shift.

**Week 1**
8/21 Overview of Course, Syllabus, Introduction, etc.

8/23 Chapter 1: *Economics: The Study of Opportunity Cost*

**Week 2**
8/28 Chapter 1 (cont)

8/30 Chapter 2: *Supply and Demand*

**Week 3**
9/4 Chapter 2: (cont)

9/6 Chapter 3: *The Concept of Elasticity and Consumer and Producer Surplus*

**Week 4**
9/11 Chapter 3: (cont)

9/13 Chapter 4: *Firm Production, Cost, and Revenue*

**Week 5**
9/18 Chapter 4: (cont)

9/20 Test

**Week 6**
9/25 Chapter 5: Perfect *Competition, Monopoly, and Economic versus Normal Profit*

9/27 Chapter 5: (cont)

**Week 7**
10/2 Chapter 6: *Every Macroeconomic Word You Ever Heard*

10/4 Chapter 7: *Interest Rates and Present Value*

**Week 8**
10/9 Student Recess

10/11 Chapter 7: (cont)

**Week 9**
10/16 Chapter 8: *Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply*

10/18 Chapter 8: (cont)
Week 10
10/23 Chapter 9: Fiscal Policy

10/25 Chapter 10: Monetary Policy

Week 11
10/30 Chapter 11, 12: Federal Spending; Federal Deficits, Surpluses, and the National Debt

11/1 Test

Week 12
11/6 Selected Topics: Chapter 13: The Housing Bubble

11/8 Selected Topics: Chapter 14: The Recession of 2007-2009

Week 13
11/13 Selected Topics: Chapter 17: International Trade: Does it Jeopardize American Jobs?

11/15 Selected Topics: Chapter 23: Health Care

Week 14
11/20 Selected Topics: Chapter 26: Health Care Reform

11/22 Selected Topics: Chapter 35: Poverty and Welfare

Week 15
11/27 Selected Topics: Chapter 36: Social Security

11/29 Selected Topics: Chapter 21: The Line Between Legal and Illegal Goods

Week 16
12/4 (LAST CLASS) Selected Topics: Chapter 21: (cont)

TEST SCHEDULE (Dates are firm. Chapters will be updated if we get behind)

    Test 1 - Thursday, September 20
    Test 2 - Thursday, November 1

    Final Exam –
    Tuesday, December 11, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.