Section 001 – Online Class / Synchronous (Partially) – (Originally Scheduled Class Period 7:00-8:20pm, MW)

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Course Delivery: Due to COVID restrictions this class has been switched from face-to-face lecture format to online delivery through Canvas. Our class modality will be Online / Partially Synchronous. Translation – our Tests and/or any short Quizzes will be scheduled during our “originally scheduled class period.” Additionally, any “live” Q/A sessions will also be held during our originally scheduled class period. See further emphasis in note below.

Course Communication: Primary communication will be done thru email and thru the “Announcements” made in Canvas. Additional communication will be done thru online power point postings. Please plan on reviewing emails and the Announcements daily. Likewise, I will try to reply to e-mails promptly and have a response to you within 24-hours. If you feel there is a need to speak with me either by phone or an online collaboration tool, please email me and we will set up appointment to do so. Additionally, I will set up open Canvas Conferencing for Q/A sessions on occasion.

Note on Online Synchronous: Our normal class period is 7-8.20pm on MW. Our class is “partially” synchronous. Hence, our synchronous meetings will be limited to Tests, occasional in-class quizzes or extra credit, and occasional Q/A or review sessions. Generally, these will be announced in advance to some degree. Other than these sessions there will be few other synchronous requirements.

Course Prerequisites: Econ 2306 or consent of instructor.

Required Material:
1. *The Economics of Criminal Behavior: A Survey of Selected Topics* -- Liggett, 2nd Ed. (Cognella Publishing)
   (Textbook is available thru bookstore, and also online from Cognella Publishing – see Canvas for more information)
2. Assigned Readings, Blogs, and other Postings on Canvas

Course Description: Economic analysis of criminal activity and its impact on the allocation of scarce resources; economic models of criminal behavior, optimum allocation of criminal justice resources, public and private sector approaches to deterrence, and current issues such as policy decisions in regards to drug legalization, capital punishment, illegal immigration and other topics. The class will also look at various ‘economic’ crimes such as white collar activity and organized crime. There are a plethora of topics related to Criminal activity and we will not be able to attend to them all, hence the book title – “... A Survey of Selected Topics.”

Course Format and Goal: Due to Covid restrictions, our course is scheduled as Online/Synchronous. Notes will be posted to Canvas, generally in Power Point format with lecture overlay. The material scheduled for each day will be posted no later than the start of regular class time. While Power Point will be the most common method for transmitting information, the daily schedule may also include reading assignments and/or live lecture via Canvas or TEAMS. While our format is “online,” nonetheless, much of the course material is still presented in a lecture-type format (in addition to our textbook and/or other reading assignments). Accordingly, you are responsible for the power points, any accompanying lecture content, and other material transmitted.

Additional Comments on Course Goal --- The goal of this course is to provide an economic analysis and understanding of issues related to different areas of crime. Included is the study of the allocation of scarce resources in the prevention of crime. In addition, this course will apply various economic principles into the criminal justice arena under the premise that criminal behavior reduces the effectiveness of our economic system which is capitalism. Please Note: We will attempt to stay with an organized schedule as much as possible, however, there may be times we depart from structure and address relevant and/or current issues. These may be economic, social or political.

Testing: Tests will be given via Canvas during our normally scheduled class period. All students are expected to take the tests at the assigned time. Test format will generally be a combination of multiple choice and/or short answer. In addition, some graphing will be required. If for some reason you must miss the test, you should notify me beforehand. Makeup tests are for extenuating circumstances only. For example, serious illness or death in the family, etc. Makeup tests may be given at the end of the semester and may be all essay.

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Quizzes: 10 point “quizzes” may be given during the semester over our material and assigned readings. These may be unannounced. Approximately 5 quizzes may be given. Depending on the number of quizzes given, the lowest 1-2 scores will be dropped. NO MAKE-UPS FOR THESE QUIZZES! Repeat --- NO MAKE-UPS on these --- if you miss, then that will be your “Drop” quiz.

Note - Canvas uses QUIZ title for all testing events. However, as noted above, there is a difference between our 3 major TESTS and our smaller 10-pt QUIZZES.

Grading Scale:  A = 90-100%  B = 80-89%  C = 67-79%  D = 57-66%  F = Below 57

Tentative Course Coverage Per Test

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Class Discussions: DUE TO ONLINE STRUCTURE, NORMAL CLASS DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. At various times we will discuss assigned articles, outside readings, or other class topics. Please show respect for your fellow classmates at all times, and avoid soapboxes. (For online classes there may be discussions held via Teams or Canvas Conferencing.)

Plain Calculators Only! – No text devices to be used during tests for any purpose, i.e. – cell phones, pagers, or any other electronic device with text capability. No earpiece phones, etc. No caps or hoodies worn during tests. Additionally, there should be no texting during class.

Important Dates:
Aug 26 – First Class Day
Sept 7 – Labor Day Holiday
Sept 11 – Official Census Day
Nov 6 – Final Day to Drop Course – 4pm Deadline
Nov 25 – No Classes Scheduled for UTA Students
Nov 26-27 – Thanksgiving Day Holidays
Dec 7 – Last Official Class Day for MWF Classes
Dec 9 – Student Study Day
Dec 11-16 – University Final Exams

Final Exam Note: Check Final Exam schedule closely. There should not be any time-conflicts with your other courses as our Exams are being scheduled in accordance with the University’s Official Final Exam Schedule. (Hence, another Prof should NOT attempt to have you take a Final at the same time as ours.)

Student Learning Outcomes: The student will be able to explain and discuss the course content as noted in the course and subject outline and demonstrate their knowledge of course material through examinations, quizzes, and class discussions. More specifically, the student will be able to: employ the methods that economists use to investigate market outcomes, use, and critique alternative theories of the macroeconomy, develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues such as poverty and unemployment, differentiate and analyze historical evidence (documentary and statistical) and differing points of view, analyze, critically assess, and develop creative solutions to public policy problems such as inflation, and recognize appropriate information sources for data about the state of the economy.

Other Course Objectives and Format: In various ways, the course will incorporate use of the basic intellectual competencies, i.e. – reading, writing and expression, speaking, listening and absorption of ideas, and critical thinking. Additionally, on a smaller scale, some computer literacy may be beneficial in the research and acquisition of additional information for topic areas appealing to the student or assigned by the instructor.

Extra Credit: Generally there is no formal extra credit. However, on occasion I might give an in-class quiz or some other assignment. These types of assignments are generally unannounced and might occur at any time. There is NO MAKE-UP should you miss these.

Disclaimer Regarding Syllabus: I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus as the semester progresses. Students are responsible for being aware of these changes.

Attendance: (Generally N/A for this course). At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, my attendance policy is as follows: Attendance will be taken for this course and students are expected to attend. A seating chart will be used. While there is no reduction in points for non-attendance, if you regularly miss class, I will assume that the class is not very important to you. Please note that here will be a significant amount of material provided through lecture notes during class and, on occasion, your textbook will also be used in class. Additionally, sleeping in class will not be tolerated. Finally, please note that while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients “begin attendance in a course.” UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

Laptop Computer: Any laptops brought to class are to be used strictly for this class. I reserve the right to ask that laptops be turned off if there is any abuse in this area, i.e., surfing the web during class, shopping, e-mailing, etc.
E-Mail: E-Mail is to be used for academic purposes. Do not use e-mail to forward jokes or political views. Any harassing or profane e-mail will be reported to campus authorities and is subject to disciplinary action.

Grade Grievances: You have one calendar year from the date the grade is assigned to initiate any grievance. The normal academic channels are department chair, academic dean, and the Provost.

College Policy: Students who have not paid by the census date and are dropped for non-payment cannot receive a grade for the course in any circumstances. Therefore, a student dropped for non-payment who continues to attend the course will not receive a grade for the course. Emergency loans are available to help students pay tuition and fees. Students can apply for emergency loans by going to the Emergency Tuition Loan Distribution Center at E.H. Hereford University Center (near the southwest entrance).

Food and Drink in Classrooms: College policy prohibits food and/or drinks in classrooms and labs. Anyone bringing food and/or drinks into a classroom or lab will be required to remove such items, as directed by the class instructor or lab supervisor.

The IDEAS Center (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers free tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email IDEAS@uta.edu or call (817) 272-6593.

Bomb Threats: If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by bomb threats. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. Note there are multiple exits from the first floor in close proximity to our room on the south, east, and west sides of the building. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Emergency Phone Numbers: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at 817-272-3003 (non-campus phone), 2-3003 (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381

PLEASE RE-READ LPTOP POLICY – STUDENTS NOT ADHERING TO THIS POLICY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS.

The UT Arlington Syllabus Institutional Policies

UTA students are encouraged to review these institutional policies and informational sections and reach out to the specific office with any questions.

Drop Policy
Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Observe of Religious Holy Days
A student who misses an examination, work assignment or other project because of an observance of a religious holy day will be given the opportunity to complete the work missed within a reasonable time after the absence provided the student has properly notified each instructor. To meet the proper notification requirements, students must notify each instructor in writing of classes scheduled on the dates they will be absent in observance of a religious holy day.Notification must be made within the first 15 class days and either personally delivered, acknowledged and dated by the instructor, or sent certified mail, return receipt requested. The student may not be penalized for these excused absences, but the instructor may appropriately respond if the student fails to complete satisfactorily the missed assignment or examination within a reasonable amount of time after the excused absence. A “religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20 of the Tax Code. https://www.uta.edu/catalog/2001/general/academicreg.html

Disability Accommodations
UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at the OSD website.

Non-Discrimination Policy
The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit Equal Opportunity Services.

Title IX Policy
Title IX is a federal law that protects against sex and gender based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, dating/domestic violence, sexual exploitation and stalking at federally funded educational institutions. UT Arlington is committed to fostering a learning and working environment free from discrimination in all its forms. When sexual misconduct occurs in our community, the university can:

1. Intervene to prevent harmful behavior from continuing or escalating
2. Provide support and remedies to students and employees who have experienced harm or have become involved in a Title IX investigation
3. Investigate and discipline violations of the university's relevant policies.

Faculty members and certain staff members are considered “Responsible Employees” or “Mandatory Reporters,” which means that they are required to report violations of Title IX to the Title IX Coordinator. I am a Responsible Employee and must report any Title IX related incidents that are disclosed in writing, discussion, or one-on-one. Before talking with me, or with any faculty or staff member about a Title IX related incident, be sure to ask whether they are a responsible employee. If you want to speak with someone for support or remedies without making an official report to the university. For more information about policies, reporting options and resources, visit the Title IX website: www.uta.edu/titleix or contact the Title IX Coordinator Michelle Willbanks at: titleix@uta.edu.

**Academic Integrity**

Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

> I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at Student Conduct.

Faculty are encouraged to discuss plagiarism and share the following library tutorials Copyright & Fair Use: Plagiarism and Acknowledging Sources, Quick Translation — for ALL assignments, DO YOUR OWN WORK.

**Electronic Communication**

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at GIT: Student MavMail.

**Campus Carry**

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit News Center: Campus Carry.

**Final Review Week**

Final Review Week for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Student Feedback Survey**

At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit Student Feedback Survey.

**Active Shooter**

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by UTA Police regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit Crime Prevention: Active Shooter.

**Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

CAPS is available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives. Visit Counseling and Psychological Services or call 817-272-3671.

**Student Support Services**

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring by appointment, drop-in tutoring, mentoring (time management, study skills, etc.), major-based learning centers, counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at Resource Hotline.

**UT Police Department has asked that we include the following information within our syllabus.**

Stop. Think. Protect Yourself. You Have Choices.
The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor.

This graphic provides each member of the UTA community with information and options for responding to an active threat. These options are not chronological, but are designed to address dynamic situations. Assess the situation (your location, the location of the threat, type of threat, etc.), identify and weigh your options, develop a plan of action and commit to it.

### Your Options to an Active Threat

#### You Have Choices!

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| - AVOID the situation. Stay away from the area and campus.  
  - If you can safely leave the area, RUN.  
  - Get others to leave the area, if possible.  
  - Prevent others from entering the area. | - Lock/barricade doors with heavy items.  
  - Turn off lights/projectors/equipment.  
  - Close blinds and block windows.  
  - Stay away from doors and windows. | - As a last resort, FIGHT for your life.  
  - Use physical force and any weapons available - fire extinguishers, books, chairs, belts, umbrellas, pens/scissors, hot coffee/drinks, trash cans, etc. |
|    | - Know your exit and escape options.  
  - If in a parking lot, get to your car and leave.  
  - If in an unaffected area, stay where you are.  
  - When you are safe, call UTA PD at 817.272.3003 or 911 with information you have. | - Silence phones and remain quiet. Don’t let your phone give you away.  
  - HIDE and take cover to protect yourself.  
  - Be prepared to run or defend yourself. | - Use the element of surprise.  
  - Work together as a team. Develop a plan. Commit to your actions. Your life depends on it.  
  - Be aggressive, loud, and determined in your actions. |

Follow ALL instructions.

For more information, go to: [police.uta.edu/activeshooter](http://police.uta.edu/activeshooter)

Emergency: 817.272.3003  
Non-Emergency: 817.272.3381  
[police.uta.edu](http://police.uta.edu)

Additional information for active threat and other emergency situations can be found through the links below:

- [police.uta.edu/activeshooter](http://police.uta.edu/activeshooter)
- [police.uta.edu/em](http://police.uta.edu/em)