

## **Economics 980J: A Libertarian Perspective on Economic, Social, and Foreign Policy**

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Class Meeting: Wed, 12:00 – 2:45

This course analyses the libertarian perspective on economic, social, and foreign policy. This perspective differs from both liberal and conservative views, arguing for minimal government across the board. Specific policies addressed include drug prohibition, gun control, free trade, public education, abortion rights, gay marriage, income redistribution, immigration, health care, national defense, and campaign finance regulation.

The course will also review applied econometrics, and it will provide good training for students writing a senior thesis.

### *Course Requirements:*

30 page research paper: 60%  
Policy / Paper Critiques: 30%  
Class participation: 10%

### *Prerequisites:*

Ec 1010a, 1010b, and 1123, or equivalents.

### *Course Readings and Lecture Notes:*

See Canvas site.

### *Academic Integrity Policy:*

See Canvas site.

### *Teaching Staff:*

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### *Attendance Policy*

All students must attend 12 out of 13 classes.