



Basic Economic Issues Welcome Letter



Hello everyone, welcome and thanks for choosing ECON 200: Basic Economic Issues.

I am Grace Wang and I am your instructor for this course. I am a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Arizona. My research is primarily related to applied econometrics, labor economics, and public policy. This will be my fourth time teaching this course and personally I have learned a lot from teaching and have a lot of fun while I am doing it.

This course will prepare you to have an economic mindset to analyze real-world economic problems. It covers the fundamental building blocks of modern economic analysis. Great efforts have been made to develop the course in a way that

incorporates economic thinking across the lectures and evaluates economic problems in your everyday life.

In addition to short videos explaining economic concepts, we have multimedia contents across the course slides with additional videos and reference readings. We also have in-class demonstration videos for you to experience the same excitement from class activities as you would have in a classroom. All the efforts here are to make your learning experience more enjoyable.

Advice to succeed in this course is to have a study plan and ask for help whenever needed. This course is very fast-paced but will still allow you to have the flexibility to decide when to take the lectures and when to finish your weekly homework. Having your own study plan is an efficient way to make a dedicated time to finish each task on time, and this really helps with your final score. The course contents are strongly connected through each lecture, so an unsolved problem will slow down your future study.

If you have a question about the course contents, I would strongly recommend you post it on "[Ask the Instructor](#)". Having your questions published on a forum that everyone can see will not only benefit you but also other students. If your question contains personal information or things you prefer not to discuss on the forum, please send me an email. Thanks again for choosing this course. I am looking forward to seeing you all and good luck with your studies.

Best Regards,
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