

Class Time: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 9:30
Classroom: 101 Barker
Office Hours: Monday 3:00 – 5:00; Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 – 12:00
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Subject Matter of Law and Economics II

LS 147 will cover the application of economic principles to law, law enforcement, and related public policy. Topics are shown in the grid below

Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites, but students are advised that some training in economics will be helpful. Graphs and algebra will be used in class.

Conduct of Class

The class will include a mixture of lectures and discussion; students should read assigned materials before class to benefit fully from the material presented. Regular attendance in class is important to success in the course.

Grades

Basis for grades:

Midterm (definitions, essays, some problems)	(30%)
Homework (4-5 problems or essays) and participation in section	(20%)
Final exam	(50%)

Grades will aim to fit the large-class curve recommended by the LS program: roughly 20% A, 60% A-plus-B

Exams should be written in blue books unless instructed otherwise. Students may use books or notes during examinations, but are advised that being overly-dependent on these materials will cost them valuable time.

Texts for Course:

Katri K. Sieberg: *Criminal Dilemmas: Understanding and Preventing Crime*, Springer, New York, 2005, 2nd Edition **(KS)**

W. David Allen, *Criminals and Victims*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, California, 2011 **(Allen)**

Alan B. Krueger, *What Makes a Terrorist – Economics and the Roots of Terrorism*, Princeton University Press, 2007 **(Krueger)**

Pardow, Unkovic & Vencill, Course Reader (2013) *Economic Policy Analysis of Criminal Justice and Terrorism* **(CR)**

These may be supplemented by class handouts and/or materials posted on bspace.

Schedule, Topics, and Assignments:

Week	Dates	Lecture Topics	Reading Assignments
1	Aug 29	Overview of course, grading policy, economic analysis, assumptions, Game Theory and Prisoner's Dilemma	KS: Introduction vi-xv KS: Ch. 1 Sieberg, Preface
2	Sept 3	Rational crime model; linear regression as a tool of analysis. What is the economics of crime and criminal justice? The curious case of the fall in crime (<u>Roe v. Wade</u> , legalized abortion and crime, Levitt-Donahue hypothesis and empirical investigation)	CR: #1 <u>The Economist</u> 7/20/13 (in-class handout or bspace)
	Sept 5	Crime control: Broken Windows, Hot Spot Policing (Compstat); Who are criminals; planning crime; two models of the criminal justice process (H Packer)	CR #3
3	Sept 10	Contemporary policing issues; Terry stops; stop-question-and-frisk (<u>Floyd v. City of New York</u>); profiling dilemmas; Greg Ridgeway, "Analysis of Racial Disparities in N.Y. Police Department's Stop, Question, & Frisk Policy" RAND Corp,	Allen, Chs.1, 2, 5 Read Floyd decision, RAND report, Fagan report (find online or on bspace)
	Sept 12	Continuation of Tuesday's topics, parole issues; drug sniffing dogs; law enforcement effectiveness (productivity)	
4	Sept 17	Prison-Industrial Complex; private prisons; realignment in California; Three Strikes policy issues; prison reform benefit-cost analysis;	CR: #4 Sieberg, Ch. 1
	Sept 19	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	Sieberg, Ch 2
5	Sept 24	Does prison (incarceration) reduce crime? capital punishment; labor market impact of crime	CR: #18 Allen Ch. 10
	Sept 26	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
6	Oct 1	Economics of prostitution	CR: #5, 7, 8, 9
	Oct 3	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	Sieberg, Ch. 3
7	Oct 8	Prostitution (continued); the economics of the porn industry; the Internet and child porn	
	Oct 10	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
8	Oct 15	The war on drugs; models of drug markets, supply side approach; prohibitionism Demand side and the Harm Reduction Approach; drug smuggling (Decker & Chapman)	CR: #6 Sieberg, Ch. 4
	Oct 17	Drug war costs, legalization debate, why drug laws have failed; The war on drugs and lessons for the war on terrorism (tracing the money financing)	
9	Oct 22	The War on Gangs; the economics of victim behavior; street gangs and gun selling	Allen, Ch 6-9 Sieberg, Ch. 5
	Oct 24	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
10	Oct 29	The political economy of terrorism (Introduction); impact of terrorism and war on terror on the macroeconomy; 9/11 and NY financial markets; stemming the flow of terrorist financing;	Krueger (read book) CR: #11
	Oct 31	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	CR: #12

11	Nov 5	Terrorism (continued); economics of suicide bombers; the strategic logic of suicide terrorism; alms for Jihad, Hawalas networks, money laundering; economic impact	CR: #13, 14, 15, 16
	Nov 7	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
12	Nov 12	Gun control issues; More Guns Less Crime (Lott Hypothesis); economics of gun control; cost of gun violence and weapons in the U.S.; Supreme Court and the Second Amendment	Class handout (or bspace)
	Nov 14	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	Sieberg, Ch. 6
13	Nov 19	Control of organized crime; Buchanan Model	Class Handout (or bspace)
	Nov 21	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
14	Nov 26	Corruption and economic development; white collar crime; corrupt cities; corporate corruption as organized crime; corruption in sports	CR: #10
	Nov 28	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING	
15	Dec 3	Hate crimes; Spatial Analysis of Murder Crisis in Oakland	CR: #17
	Dec 5	Continuation of Tuesday's topics	
16	Dec 10	Open discussion and questions	
	Dec 12	Review for Final	
FINAL	Dec 18	(Wednesday) 3:00 – 6:00 – Final Exam	

Recommended Additional Reading:

Radley Belko, Ride of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America's Police Forces, Public Affairs/Perseus Book Group, New York, 2013

G. Becker and Y. Rubinstein, "Fear and the Response to Terrorism: An Economic Analysis," (can be found at www.econ.ku.dk/CAM/Files/Autunm%202004/becvkerrubinstein_0801.pdf)

Dezhbakhsh & Shepherd, "Effect of Capital Punishment," *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 44, No 3, July 2006

John Donohue and Steven Levitt, "Further Evidence that Legalized Abortion Lowered Crime: A Reply to Joyce" National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 9532 (available free from school computer at www.nber.org/papers/w9532)

Walter Enders & Todd Sandler, The Political Economy of Terrorism, Cambridge Press, 2006.

Robert Klitgaard et al., Corrupt Cities: A Practical Guide to Cure and Prevention, ICS Press, 2000 (out of print)

Steven Levitt & S. Dubner, Freakonomics, Morrow, 1995

David Samuels, "Dr. Kush – How Medical Marijuana Is Transforming the Pot Industry," *The New Yorker*, July 28, 2008

Steven Shavell, Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law, Belnap Press/Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 2004 (see especially chapter 23, "Incapacitation, Rehabilitation, and Retribution")

Franklin E. Zimring, The City That Became Safe, Oxford University Press, 2012