

Class-

Welcome to ECON 580 (Foundations of Economics) at the University of South Dakota for the Fall 2009 semester.

This email contains some critical information about our course, so please try to accomplish the tasks below as soon as possible, and certainly by next Wednesday.

1. Our syllabus is located ONLINE at all times in the D2L class site. You will have access to this after Monday.

Please print, read, and understand all information contained in the syllabus as soon as possible. Everything related to the schedule, assignments, and exams is contained in this document.

2. There are FOUR important links on the syllabus, all contained in the "Textbook" and "Important Forms" sections of the syllabus
 - a. Aplia and Mankiw Essentials of Economics
 - b. Online Student Orientation
 - c. Proctoring Form
 - d. Technical Requirements

Please ACCESS and PRINT all four of these documents. You should familiarize yourself with the online student orientation and the course technical requirements.

3. The textbook and homework are all ONLINE at Aplia. The page you print from the Aplia link (in 2a) is the key to buying the e-textbook and homework package. ALL course materials are contained on the Aplia site – this includes chapter notes you can print and PowerPoint files for all chapters as well. The course materials will ALSO be available in the content section of D2L. The homework's and textbook chapters are also online at Aplia. Please register for Aplia as soon as possible. You cannot complete any of the twice-weekly homework unless you're registered with Aplia.
4. Please fill out and return the proctoring form as soon as possible (from 2c above). As this is an online course, your exam must be proctored in a way approved by the University of South Dakota. Exams will ONLY be distributed to proctors, so students who fail to register with a proctor will not be given exams.
5. The first class chat will be at 9PM on Wed. Sept. 2. You can find the "Chat" link on our class D2L site. Simply enter the chat room called "Mon. Wed. Office Chat" at 9PM on Wednesday. I am working on getting the Mon. and Wed. chats on illuminate, but that is not ready yet. There is no course material covered in the first chat – we will just have a "get to know you" session. All live chats for this course are optional, but they do represent the only way for you to ask questions about the textbook and homework material. Participation in the live chats is strongly encouraged.

That's it. I'm looking forward to another great semester. Please familiarize yourself with the Aplia site, particularly with the "course materials" and with the "course outline" (the assignments). I'll see you all in the chat room on Wed. at 9PM.

--

Prof. David Carr
Dept. of Economics
414 E. Clark St.
University of South Dakota
Vermillion, SD 57069

tel: (605) 677-5567

www: <http://www.usd.edu/~dcarr>

email: dcarr@usd.edu