Term: Spring 2013
Department: Philosophy & Economics

Course Title: Freedom Seminar: “The Path to Prosperity”
Course #: (Course substitution as approved by academic adviser)
ECN 4010 – Economics of Public Policy
ECN 3990 – Advanced Topics in Political Economy
HIS 4020 - Contemporary World Issues
PHL 3100 – Ethics.

Location: Atheneum Suite Hotel
Dates: April 10 – April 13
Credits: 3
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Description: A series of presentations from nationally recognized experts on important issues affecting U.S. competitiveness and economic growth.

Official Goals and Objectives: Upon completion of the course, students will:
1. Use economic theory and empirical research to make specific policy recommendations on public issues.
2. Construct efficient, ethical free-market alternatives to government solutions to social problems.
3. Identify some of the important strategies for promoting a more rapid and sustainable economic expansion.

Logistical Information:
1. Location: Atheneum Suite Hotel, 1000 Brush St. Telephone: 313-962-2323

2. Directions to the Atheneum Suite Hotel: From I-75 S, merge onto I-375 South via exit 51. Exit I-375 South toward Lafayette Ave. Turn right onto E. Lafayette and then turn right onto Brush St.
Parking at the Atheneum: There is a parking garage directly across the street from the hotel for $20, valet parking is also available.

3. Meals: Lunches each day and dinners on Thursday and Friday are included with your registration fee.

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5. Lodging: Students don’t have to stay on site, but special rates are available provided for those who do.
Call 1-800-772-2323 by March 22 and mention that you are participating in the Northwood University Freedom Seminar in order to qualify for the corporate rate.

6. Attire: Business casual; blue jeans and athletic shoes are not appropriate.

Course Policies:
1. Attendance: 100% attendance is required at all events.

2. Late assignments: If there are well documented extenuating circumstances you may request an extension from the instructor. Such requests must be received at least 24 hours before the assignment is due. If no extension is granted, then late assignments may be turned in with 1 week of the original due date for ½ credit.

4. Electronic devices: Please turn off cellphones during presentations. Laptops are permitted, but multitasking is not. Students who abuse this policy will lose participation credit.

5. Plagiarism: No plagiarism will be tolerated. Plagiarism can be borrowing exact words or phrases from another source, but it can also include lifting arguments and ideas from other sources and presenting them as if they are your own. Your writing may be influenced by other authors, but if so, you must cite them properly. Any attempt to pass another person’s work off as your original work will result in an automatic F for the course.
Evaluation: Grades are based on student performance in 4 areas. Provided that each area is completed, the grade will be determined by the total points accumulated. *Failure to complete any of the assignments will result in an automatic F for the course.*

1. Preassignments (100 points)
2. Reaction Papers to the Presentation (100 points)
3. Research Paper (100 points)
4. Attendance (50 points)

Description of Written Assignments (for more details, refer to the lessons folder in Bb)

1. **Preassignments** (due by midnight, April 11, unless extensions is granted by instructor in advance)

   All preassignments are “online” and instructions are posted on blackboard. The preassignments include 6-8 hours of video (unique to course registration) followed up by a short reaction paper or participation in a discussion board. Students must complete the assignments for each course registration.

2. **Speaker Summaries** (due by midnight, April 21, 2013, unless extension is granted by instructor in advance)

   For each presentation, you should write a 100 word summary of each presentation in which you identify the speakers main points and consider how they might apply to your circumstances. You will turn in these summaries in electronic format using the link posted on Blackboard.

3. **Research Paper** (due by midnight, May 10, 2013, unless extension is granted by instructor in advance)

   *Topic:* Your research topic will be based on one of the presentations at the freedom seminar. The goal is to acquire a more in-depth understanding of the topic based on additional investigation and original analysis.

   **Requirements:**
   1. A Title Page. Includes the title of your paper, your name, course name and number, the date, and a contact telephone or email address.

   2. The Paper Body. Includes a paragraph in which you introduce your topic and state your thesis. For guidelines regarding a good thesis statement, read the descriptions found here: [http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/thesis.html#3](http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/thesis.html#3) Then present your arguments, and finish with a concluding paragraph summarizes the main points of your paper. The body of your paper needs to be at least 3000 words, and all outside sources need to be cited using APA-style in-text citations.

   3. Works Cited Page. You must list the full bibliographic information, in APA format, for each of your citations in the paper body. If you do not cite a reference, it cannot be recorded here. If you do cite a reference, it must be recorded here. *Your paper should contain no fewer than 8 new references* (not including Freedom Seminar presentations or course readings.)