**AEM 2800 Hot Economic Issues in the News Today**

1 1/2 Credit 7 Week Course Fall 2017 (First 7 weeks)

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This course is intended as a topical course focusing on the issues that are most important to the national debate. The basic analysis taught in Econ 1110 and 1120 is taken as the point of departure and is used to illuminate these issues.

**Prerequisites**

Economics 1110 and 1120 (Introduction to Micro and Macroeconomics) or permission

**Topics Covered**

Student interest will govern topic coverage in this course. Each student will select one of the issues on the suggested list or will suggest a topic of their own subject to my approval. Any course time not devoted to presentation of the selected topics will cover current issues in the national economic debate presented by Prof. Kyle.

**Grading**

Grades will be based on a presentation by each student and a policy brief on one of the topics covered in the course (alternative topics with permission).

Presentation – 50%

Paper – 50%

Class Participation – 10% bonus points possible!!!!

**Exams**

**THERE IS NO FINAL FOR THIS CLASS. In fact, there is no exam at all.** This is a 7 week course and will end midway through the Fall semester

**Office Hours**

Regular office hours will be immediately after class on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30-4:20 or by appointment in 437 Warren Hall. I can also be reached for questions or to schedule an appointment at [sck5@cornell.edu](mailto:sck5@cornell.edu) . My campus phone number is 2552104.

**Blackboard Site**

**The Blackboard course ID is: 15596\_2017FA**

**THE FINAL PAPER MUST BE HANDED IN VIA THE BLACKBOARD SITE. If you don’t do this then you haven’t handed it in.**