



**HIED 659: Higher Education Finance**  
**Fall 2012**  
**Class: October 29 to December 14, 2012**  
**Thursday, 5:30-8:10pm, UCD**  
**Web-Enhanced (via eCollege)**

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<b>COURSE INFORMATION</b>
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**Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:**

*Textbook(s) Required:*

Toutkousian, R. K., & Paulsen, M. B. (Eds.) (2007). *Applying Economics to Institutional Research*. New Directions for Institutional Research (vol. 132). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Archibald, R. & Feldman, D. (2011). *Why Does College Cost So Much?* Oxford University Press.

**Course Description:**

Three semester hours. Examines the complexities of higher education finance and how political, economic, and social forces impact budgetary decisions. Provides an overview of financial administration in public and private colleges and universities, with special emphasis on funding theories and strategies, governmental and private-sector programs and initiatives, resources allocation concerns, and institutional fund-raising activities.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing this course, each student will:

1. Understand basic economic principles as they apply to higher education.
2. Understand basic cost and price pressures that influence the cost of higher education.
3. Understand the role of federal and state government in higher education economics.
4. To understand the issues and challenges that face university and college financing.
5. Be able to identify the major academic literature that relates to higher education economics.
6. Identify general state level higher education financing trends.
7. Apply the HEPI and CPI to higher education finance budgets.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**

#### **Reading Commentary and Questions**

Students will write a 2-page reflection for each chapter of the Morgan and Ehrenberg texts. Reflections may be on any topic addressed in the reading. Reflections are due the day of the class discussion for the related chapter.

#### **Individual Higher Education Finance Paper and Presentation**

The final paper is a scholarly literature review on a topic pertaining to higher education finance. The paper should include a description of the significance of the issue addressed, a statement of the problem examined, a critical review and synthesis of the literature, and implications for policy, practice, and/or future research. Purely descriptive papers (e.g., types of student financial aid) are not acceptable, and empirical papers (e.g., case study of the study process at an institution, data analysis of trends in college tuition) are discouraged. The paper will be 10 to 12 pages in-length. Not including title page and references. A 10-12 minute presentation of the research paper findings is due the final day of class. The presentation will highlight the findings of the research project.

#### **Finance Project**

A finance project will consist of a review of one state's higher education expenditures over a 20-year period. Current state spending levels will be compared to historical spending levels, as measured by the HEPI and CPI indexes. A data set will be provided. A five-page paper will detail the findings and explain the general trends of higher education finance.

#### **Web-Enhanced Projects**

Reading Logs (On-line journals)

- Submit a two-page summary for each assigned chapter, with three questions/comments, for each reading. Post the article summaries and questions into the journal. Article summaries are posted under the Journal section because the reading and processing of ideas is a personal and contemplative experience. Each of the assigned readings deserves your time and calm, reflective thought. As doctoral students, the thoughtful processing of ideas is your main goal as you prepare to write a dissertation. Please enjoy this journaling process as you read and absorb this content.

Discussion post

- For each posted discussion questions, respond with two comments or questions to either the original question or to a colleague's comment/question. The purpose of on-line discussion posts is to help facilitate the understanding of the material before the class period. Discussion posts will and to the depth of discussions during the in-class period because of the additional time in thought and conversation outside of class.

#### **Final Exam**

The final exam will be a cumulative exam of the text. The examine will be take home, distributed during the last class meeting. Students will submit the test into the eCollege dropbox the final day of the semester.

### **Attendance Policy**

Class attendance is an integral part of the educational process. Students who miss class miss out on the dialectic process of exchanging ideas with the instructor and colleagues. One absence will not affect a student's grade. A second absence will result in a 10% reduction of the total course grade. The third absence will result in a failing grade for the course.

### **Participation**

Ten percent of the total course grade is dependent on individual students' class participation. Every student is expected to contribute to class discussion every class period. One point is earned per day.

### **Writing Requirements**

All papers are to follow APA format guidelines. Begin papers with an APA title page. Font is to be 12 point, New Times Roman, double-spaced. Normal margins: one inch left, right, top, and bottom. Secure the paper with one staple in the top left corner. No folders please.

Written assignments will be graded according to the following criteria:

- Completeness of response to the assignment: 55% of grade
- Organization and coherence: 30% of grade
- Appropriate grammar, punctuation, spelling: 10% of grade
- Use of disciplinary format and citation style: Paper displays correct use of student's disciplinary format and citation style (APA, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition) for papers submitted for presentation or publication. Non-cited statements within a paper will result in a loss of points in accordance with the 5% earned for APA format and citation: 5% of grade

### **Grading**

- Finance Project (15%)
- Research Paper (35%)
  - Proposal: 2-pages (Research paper topic, sources) (2%)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft: 5 pages (5%)
  - Final draft: 10-12-page research paper (18%)
  - Presentation (10%)
- 2-page commentary and 3-5 questions/comments of EACH week's assigned chapters, 1 pt. each chapter commentary. (20%)
- Exam (20%)
- Participation (10%)

A =	4.0 = 90-100%
B =	3.0 = 80-89%
C =	2.0 = 70-79%
D =	1.0 = 65-69%
F =	0.0 = <65%

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Some Internet course assignments and internet-based research are required in this course. A computer, smart phone, or tablet with Internet access will be needed to complete some assignments. A wireless connection is available to students on campus. Computers are available for student use in the Gee Library, campus, and UCD computer labs. For more information concerning library or campus computer labs, visit <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/library/>

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

### **Interaction with Instructor Statement:**

Email me at [Derek.Lester@tamuc.edu](mailto:Derek.Lester@tamuc.edu). I will reply to emails within 48 hours. Use only your TAMU-Commerce email when communicating with me. I may also be reached on my cell phone: (206) 407-9904.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

### **Respect Differing Views**

As with all graduate courses, this course deals with ideas. Please be respectful of individuals with ideas and beliefs that differ from your own. If you disagree with someone then ask him or her why they believe as they do, and then listen to the answer. People can have complex reasoning for what is seen as, on the surface, a simple idea. Only civil and even-tempered discussions will be permitted in class.

### **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism within an assignment will result in a failing grade for that assignment. I expect all assignments for this course to be original works produced specifically for this course. At the instructor's discretion, if the plagiarism may have been accidental, an assignment may be redone for a maximum grade of 80% of the original total.

Work produced, whether in part or in whole, from assignments for other courses will not be accepted for credit.

### **Technology Use**

Personal use of computers, cell phones, or tablets is not permitted during the class session.

### **Late Assignments**

An electronic and hard copy of each assignment is due at the beginning of class. Electronic copies must be emailed to my TAMU email address. Hard copies will be handed in at the beginning of class. Late assignments will lose one letter grade (10%) per day late. The measurement of days ends at 11:59pm the following day of class. A new day begins at Midnight (12 am) at continues to 11:59 pm. Late assignments may be turned in via email.

### **Examination Policy**

Exams are timed and closed book.

### **Religious Holidays Policy**

Reasonable accommodation will be given to students who require class absences because of religious holidays. However, the attendance policy is still in effect.

### **Writing Center**

Students are encouraged to visit the A&M-Commerce Writing Center for writing assistance.

Visit the website at: <http://web.tamu->

[commerce.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/literatureLanguages/writingCenter/default.aspx](http://web.tamu-commerce.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/literatureLanguages/writingCenter/default.aspx)

Also, I am available to help with the writing process during office hours and by appointment.

### **University Specific Procedures:**

#### **Students with Disabilities:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**Gee Library**

**Room 132**

**Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835**

**Fax (903) 468-8148**

[StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu](mailto:StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu)

[Student Disability Resources & Services](#)

### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

<b>COURSE SCHEDULE FALL 2012</b>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading(s)</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Introductions</b> <b>Syllabus</b> <b>Review Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance Project</b></li> <li>• <b>Papers</b></li> <li>• <b>Presentations</b></li> <li>• <b>Exam</b></li> </ul> <b>Web-Enhanced</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion Posts and Journal</b></li> </ul> <b>Mini Lecture on CPI/HEPI</b> <b>Mini Lecture: Supply and Demand Curve</b>	
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Archibald and Feldman</b> <b>Toutkoushian and Paulsen</b> <b>Web-Enhanced Assignments</b> <b>Proposal Draft Due</b> <b>Finance Project Progress</b>	<b>Chapter 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Chapter 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>eCollege Module:</b> <b>Toutkoushian and Paulsen</b> <b>Archibald and Feldman</b> <b>Finance Projects Due</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b> <b>Chapter 3 &amp; 5</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>eCollege Module:</b> <b>Toutkoushian and Paulsen</b> <b>Archibald and Feldman</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b> <b>Chapter 6,7, 8</b>
<b>November 29</b>	<b>Toutkoushian and Paulsen</b> <b>Archibald and Feldman</b> <b>Discuss Final Paper</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b> <b>Chapter 9,10,11,12</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Toutkoushian and Paulsen</b> <b>Archibald and Feldman</b> <b>Exam Review</b> <b>Final paper Due December 09, 11:59pm</b>	<b>Chapter 6</b> <b>Chapter 13,14,15,16</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Student Presentations</b> <b>Term Papers Returned</b> <b>Final Exam (To be turned in via eCollege 12.14.12)</b>	

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