



**DAVIS UNIVERSITY**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**SSC400 BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS**  
**SUMMER QUARTER 2026**

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**COURSE SYLLABUS FOR:** SSC400 BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS

**CREDIT HOURS:** 5 CREDITS

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:**

**INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course examines how psychological factors shape economic decisions under risk, time, and social interactions. Topics include behavioral game theory, present bias, and bounded rationality. Students will learn to apply behavioral insights to real-world markets and policy design.

**PREREQUISITES:** Intermediate Microeconomics

**TEXT:** *The Foundations of Behavioral Economic Analysis*, by Sanjit Dharami, Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780198715535 ;

Additional readings will be provided by the instructor.

**LATE WORK POLICY:** All students are expected to submit homework assignments electronically on the date specified on the syllabus. No late homework will be accepted and the student will receive a "0" (zero) for the homework assignment. Should the student refuse to complete the assigned work for the class, it could result in the student failing the class. All work

assigned is expected to be completed on the date assigned. The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary. Please be sure to check your email/Moodle for any changes to the schedule.

**PLAGIARISM AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY:** Work that is found to be plagiarized receives a grade of zero and often causes a student to fail a class. Documentation of plagiarism is added to the student's academic file as a violation of accepted student conduct and is subject to disciplinary action. Plagiarism is the use of another person's exact words, or their ideas written in the student's words without giving the original author credit.

Plagiarism can result from any of the following:

- Quote material directly without using quotation marks.
- Paraphrase the original so that many of the phrases are the same as the original. A good rule is no more than 3 or 4 words in a row should be the same as the original.
- Copy the original sentence pattern, substitution synonyms for key words.
- Neglect to indicate the source of the original material.

## ASSESSMENTS:

### Content

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Assignments	30%
Exams	60%
Participation	10%
Total	100%

## COURSE GRADE:

A+ = 97%–100%	C+ = 77%–79%
A = 93%–96%	C = 73%–76%
A– = 90%–92%	C– = 70%–72%
B+ = 87%–89%	D+ = 67%–69%
B = 83%–86%	D = 63%–66%
B– = 80%–82%	D– = 60%–62%
	F = Below 60%

## TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

(Subject to change)

Week	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment Due
<b>Week 1:</b>	The Evidence on Human Choice under Risk and Uncertainty Behavioral Models of Decision Making Applications of Behavioral Decision Theory	
<b>Week 2:</b>	The Evidence on Human Sociality Models of Other-Regarding Preferences Human Morality and Social Identity	
<b>Week 3:</b>	Incentives and Other-Regarding Preferences The Evidence on Temporal Human Choice Behavioral Models of Time Discounting	Midterm Exam-Friday
<b>Week 4:</b>	Applications of Present Biased Preferences The Evidence on Strategic Human Choice Models of Behavioral Game Theory	
<b>Week 5:</b>	Judgment Heuristics Mental Accounting Bounded Rationality in Financial Markets	Final Exam-Friday