

Dear Recruiting team,

I am writing to you on behalf of Sami Lamrabte, who is applying to the department of your organization.

The course in which I have gotten to know Sami as a student is Economics 3056, entitled “Current Economic Problems”. I view this Course as a brief, but necessary, one semester course focused on applying economic reasoning and models to contemporary policy issues. Necessary because I believe that everyone needs basic economics to grasp what is going on in the world today and to assess different “weltanschauungs” or perspectives.

Sami has been one of my top students. He has been conscientious and interested in what I work to convey. More importantly, he makes comments, asks questions, and engages in discussion – all of which contribute to the entire classes’ understanding of the topic at hand. What sets Sami apart is his ability to connect economic concepts to broader questions in political economy and public policy.

Having worked at the United Nations for over 35 years, my fields being Development and International Economics, with economics degrees from Harvard (BA), Cambridge (MA) and Columbia (Ph.D.), I have developed a good ear to distinguish between those of my students who really want to learn something versus those who merely want an A. Sami is clearly in the former group!

I thus heartily recommend him to your Programme. Not only will he gain a lot from it, but I believe he will also be an asset in all the classes he takes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Now that the term is almost over, I can best be reached on my personal email: shawchristine@msn.com.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Christine H. Shaw