

Syllabus Econ 3310
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Spring 2014)

Course Information

Semester hours: 3 semester hours

Course description: The study of theories of demand, production, competition, markets, and welfare. Implications of theory for purposes of public policy prescriptions are given particular emphasis (In other words, use the skills garnered from this course to think about real problems economically.)

Prerequisites: ECON 2302 and (ECON 3304 or MATH 2417 or MATH 1325 or MATH 2413), or instructor consent required.

Meeting times: Tuesday and Thursday 11:30am-12:45pm

Classroom: GR 3.606

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Office Hours Location: 2.818 Green Hall

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

The objective of this course is to familiarize students with microeconomic principles and have the students apply those principles to a host of interesting problems. At the end of the course, students should be able to frame a problem economically and use the tools learned in the course to analyze a problem. The first step is to pose the proper question.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Microeconomics, Seventh Edition, by Robert Pindyck and Daniel Rubinfeld

Suggested Course Materials

Although not required, students should have access to a good principles of microeconomics textbook as a reference.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

- Introduction, Discussion of the Syllabus
- Review of useful Mathematical Principles
- Demand elasticity
- Preferences
- Consumer theory (ch3-4-5)
- Producer theory
- Cost profit maximization (ch 6-7-8-9)
- Market structure
- Game theory
- Asymmetric information/externalities (ch 13-17-19)

Grading Policy:

There will be few problem sets (possibly 4) and three examinations. The grades will be computed as follows:

25% Problem Sets (problem sets)
25% Midterm 1
25% Midterm 2
25% Final

Standard Grades Apply:

A: 90-100 B:80-89 C:70-79 D: 65-69 F: 65 or below. Pluses and Minuses will be distributed at my discretion.

Course & Instructor Policies

Problem sets are due at the beginning of class. I encourage students to work together on the problem sets; however, I expect each student to submit answers to the assignments. Be sure that you understand the material.

Make up examinations are offered at my discretion. The reasons for a Make-Up examination must be legitimate, considerable, and documented. For the most part, I am inclined to say No.

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Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.

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Withdrawal from Class

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

Student Grievance Procedures

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the dean will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of **F**.

Disability Services

The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:

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(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)

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If you anticipate issues related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with the Coordinator of Disability Services. The Coordinator is available to discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that formal, disability-related accommodations are necessary, it is very important that you be registered with Disability Services to notify them of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. Disability Services can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations.

It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.