

Microeconomics Fall 2017

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| Classroom: | H2201 |

Textbook/Readings

Textbook

Microeconomics, 8th Edition, by Pindyck and Rubinfeld, Pearson Education.

Other Readings

You are encouraged to read newspapers and journals such as *The Economist*, and relate what you learn in the course to the current economic problems.

Course Description

This course teaches the fundamentals of microeconomics. Through the course, you will develop an understanding of microeconomic concepts and analysis, such as supply and demand analysis, theories of the firm and consumer behavior, competition and monopoly, and the role of government in the economy. You will also be introduced to the use of microeconomic concepts and analysis to address the economic problems that you encounter in everyday life.

Classroom Policy

You are strongly encouraged to attend every class, although class attendance is not mandatory and will not directly affect your grades. I expect you to behave professionally in class, and refrain from engaging in disruptive classroom behavior, for example, talking when I'm lecturing. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Communication

When you have questions about course content, homework assignments or exams, you are encouraged to contact me by email. I will try to respond to all your emails, but to facilitate communication, please identify yourself in the email by your name and class.

Homework and Exams

There will be four homework sets, and each will be worth 10 possible points. Homework should be handed in class by the end of class on the due date, and late homework will not be accepted.

There will be one midterm and one final exam, and each will be worth 30 possible points. All the exams are non-comprehensive, closed book and closed notes. It is important for you to arrive on time for exams. If any other student has handed in their answer sheet when you arrive, you will be excluded from taking the exam. You can use a single-line calculator during the exams, but cell phone use is strictly prohibited, and any violation will result in a grade of 0.

You are strongly advised not to miss the exams. You may receive a make-up exam only for the following reasons:

1. Religious holiday.
2. Death of an immediate family member: sibling, parent, child or spouse.
3. Severe illness.

For each, it is your responsibility to notify me as soon as possible and to provide verifiable documentation (i.e., a doctor's note explaining the illness and severity and the period of time the student is excused from class).

There are 100 possible points which determine your course grade, and they will be awarded in the following way:

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| Homework (Combined) | 40 |
| Exams (Combined) | 60 |
| Total Points | 100 |