

Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2023)
SYLLABUS

Section: 06239085-3
Time: Monday, 6:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, 6:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Every Other Week)
Location: 2 Teaching Hall, Room 407
Problem Session: Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. (Every Other Week)
2 Teaching Hall, Room 423

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Course Description

This course covers microeconomics at a rigorous but not advanced level, including consumer theory and producer theory. Math techniques will be applied to economic theory to solve real-life problems.

Grading Policy

Your course grade is based on the following:

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| • Homework Assignments | 20 Points (5 Points Each) |
| • Final Exam | 80 Points |
| • Attendance and Classroom Behavior | +/- |

Class Assignments

There will be 4 homework assignments and a final exam during the semester. Each homework is due at the beginning of class by the following dates. Late homework will NOT be accepted. No make-up homework will be given.

Homework 1: **Friday, October 13**
Homework 2: **Friday, November 10**
Homework 3: **Friday, December 8**
Homework 4: **Friday, December 22**
Final Exam: **Monday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

I reserve the right to modify the homework dates based on the progress we make over the class.

Attendance

Attendance sheet will be passed around for each class. Attendance and participation will absolutely make positive contributions to your score. Up to 5 points extra in your course grade will be awarded for full attendance and active class participation.

You are granted 3 absences over the semester. 5 points will be deducted from your course grade for each subsequent absence. If you miss more than 8 classes during the semester, you will automatically fail the course.

Classroom Policy

Any unprofessional or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated and could result in you being asked to leave. In that case, you will lose the credit of attendance for the day and additional 5 points will be deducted from your course grade.

Academic Integrity

Cheating will not be tolerated. Violations of academic integrity will earn you a straight F for the course. You may work together on homework assignments, but simply giving answers to another student or receiving answers from another student is considered cheating. The work that you turn in must be your own. Also, sign up your own attendance! If you are caught signing up attendance for a different student, both you and the one you sign up for will lose attendance credits for the day and additional 10 points will be deducted from your course grade.

Final Notes

Take excellent class notes – write out explanations and examples of the concepts covered rather than just copying down the definitions or graphs – this will help you immensely as you work on assignments and as you study for exams.

You may wish to bring colored pens/pencils with you to class. For some graphical analyses, I will use different colored chalks. Some students have expressed that having colors of their own greatly enhances their ability to understand their notes.

Keep up the materials build as the semester progresses – very few students can succeed by just studying the night before the exam. You have many opportunities to develop your problem-solving skills across formal in-class and homework assignments and other practice materials I provide. Students who perform at the top of the class generally are the ones who work on these sample questions and ask questions as they go about what they discover they do not understand as well as they thought they did.

Realize at the outset that you may have to really buckle down and approach studying for this class differently. This class will require much more than basic memorization and regurgitation of definitions. You should plan on allocating time outside of class to studying and understanding the course materials. Historically undergraduate students have been advised time and again to plan on spending 3 hours studying outside of class for every hour of official class time.

Finally, I reserve the right to make any changes I consider academically advisable. Such changes, if any, will be announced in class. Please note that it is your responsibility to attend class and keep track of the proceedings.