

# **Microeconomics Introduction**

Course ID: ECON 001

## **Course Description and Level:**

Introduction to Microeconomics - This introductory undergraduate course explores the fundamentals of microeconomics, studying how individuals, households, firms, and governments make choices and how these choices affect prices, resources, and well-being.

## **Class Structure:**

- Use of time: Lectures will be delivered asynchronously via short videos embedded in reading assignments. Recitations will be held synchronously on Zoom every other week.
- In-person instruction: Office hours will be held synchronously on Zoom, with three synchronous office hours and one asynchronous Q&A session every week.
- Lecture role: To introduce core principles of economics, market forces, government intervention, market failures, and labor market.
- Recitation role: Discussion of lecture concepts and group homework.
- Expectations for participation: Active involvement in lectures, recitations, and office hours is required.

## **Out-of-class Activities:**

- Weekly reading assignments from the e-book "Principles of Economics" on Top Hat.
- Bi-weekly group homework to encourage collaboration among students.
- Participation in discussion forums on Canvas and Slate for course-related and community-building topics.

## **Outline of Assignments & Assessments:**

- Types of assignments: Weekly reading assignments, bi-weekly group homework, and weekly quizzes.
- Frequency of assessments: Quizzes every Monday, final exam (date TBD).
- Points of value: Reading Assignments (12%), Group Homework (12%), Participation (Canvas - 8%, Slate - 3%), Quizzes (50%), Final Exam (25%).

## **Essential Course Policies:**

- Required books: Custom-built e-book "Principles of Economics" on Top Hat.
- Additional required equipment: Personal computer with access to Zoom, Canvas, and Top Hat.
- All students are encouraged to consult with Student Financial Services for potential support with course costs.

Note: Attendance in recitations and office hours is expected unless due to extenuating circumstances. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Student Disability Services for accommodations early in the semester. Academic integrity will be strictly enforced, with clear guidelines on collaboration and permissible resources.

**Course Goals:**

- Understand the fundamentals of microeconomics and apply them to analyze real-world scenarios.
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through economic analysis.
- Engage in collaborative learning and develop communication skills relevant to the field of economics.