

UGBA 101A INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS FOR BUSINESS

Section Syllabus

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About UGBA 101A. UGBA 101A is a course in intermediate microeconomic theory. We will develop formal economic models to discuss 1) how rational economic agents make decisions under different scenarios 2) the implications for economic policies. Students will analyze economic problems both quantitatively and qualitatively. Working knowledge of algebra and a course in principles of economics (e.g., Econ 1) are expected. Calculus (especially *differentiation*) is recommended but not required.

Section Plan. We will review and clarify important concepts covered in lectures to make them more intuitive and accessible. We will also go over exercises since learning-by-doing is the best practice to digest the material. I will ask questions aggressively to nudge thinking and make the classroom more interactive, so be prepared with a pen and paper when attending sections. Students are encouraged to think out loud during sections. Section attendance is *not* mandatory.

Attendance Etiquette. During Zoom meetings, please *keep your video on when circumstances permit* because this will help us preserve healthy interaction as in in-person sessions. Please *keep your microphone muted unless you are asking a question*. If you have a question, please “raise your hand” on Zoom or type something into the chat to get my attention.

Section Material. Sections will be recorded. Section notes will be posted on bCourses under Modules. All the section material is exclusively used for this course in the current semester. Sharing with anyone not enrolled in the course without permission is strictly prohibited. Distribution of any portion of the class material to any third-party sites violates the Berkeley Honor Code and will be reported to the Center for Student Conduct.

Communication Policy GSIs are only responsible for the course content. *If you have any questions about the logistics (e.g., grading, deadline extension, exam reschedule), please contact the Professor directly.* Email is fine for short clarifying questions, but please come to office hours for complex questions. When emailing me, *please prefix the subject with [UGBA 101A]* to help me prioritize and sort your messages. I will do my best to answer emails within two days. (That said, please feel free to send me a reminder if you do not hear from me for a while.)

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DSP Accommodation and Evacuation Procedures. If you need disability-related accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you wish to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. For disability-related accommodations, you also need to obtain an official accommodations letter from DSP which will be sent directly to the teaching staff.

Limits to Confidentiality. As UC employees, all course instructors are *Responsible Employees* and are therefore required to report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, or other conduct prohibited by university policy to the Title IX officer. By law, we cannot keep reports of sexual harassment or sexual violence confidential; the Title IX officer will consider requests for confidentiality. Confidential resources available to you include the CARE Advocate Office, which serves survivors of sexual violence and sexual harassment.