

ECON 100A SECTION SYLLABUS

Sections 111 & 112*

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Sections: 111: 9–10 am @ Zoom meeting 914 6412 4671
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Zoom pass: econ100a

About Econ 100A. Econ 100A is an intermediate course on microeconomic theory. In this course, we will be focusing on how decisions are made by a rational economic agent under different scenarios and the implications. Despite the many different topics listed in the lecture syllabus, as we advance in the course, you will realize that those topics are actually inherently connected. So work hard, and you will have fun!

Section Plan. During sections, we will have a combination of

- (i) *Small group discussion* of the prompts in the course pack.
- (ii) *Student presentation* of the non-required readings in the course pack.

- You can either present live (sign up here) during sections or submit a pre-recorded video.
- The presentation is required and will be graded. Everyone has to present once (8-10 min + Q&A) on a different paper.
- This is an individual assignment, so no group presentations.
- The papers are first come first served. Please do not remove other names without permission. If this does happen, I can see the edit history and you will be penalized.
- If we don't have enough time for all the live presentations, you may have to submit a video instead.
- If you choose to present live, we will figure out a date. I'll let know at least 3 days in advance.

- (iii) *Demonstration of practice problems* in the course pack that we didn't get to in the lecture.

I will deliver two live sections on Tuesdays and Thursdays using Zoom: one from 9 to 10 am and the other from 10 to 11 am. If you are in my sections, you are welcome to attend either. If you want to switch to another section, please email me and the other GSI.

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Attendance Etiquette. Section attendance is *not* mandatory. 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. For electronic devices, you are welcome to use them in sections.

Section Material. Section material will be available on bCourses (<https://bcourses.berkeley.edu>) under “/Files/Section material/111 and 112 (Tianyu)”. Sections will *not* be recorded, but occasionally we might post some demos.

Communication Policy and Office Hours. Office hours are the preferred way of resolving questions about the material. You will be expected to come prepared with specific questions. Email is fine for short clarifying questions, but for complicated or long questions, please come to office hours. If you do decide to email me, *please prefix the subject line with [ECON 100A] to help me prioritize and sort your emails*. I will do my best to answer emails within two days. (That said, if you do not hear from me within two days, please feel free to send me a reminder.)

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism. Please review the honor code: “As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others.” Also review the rules about plagiarism and cheating at <https://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct/integrity>. A lack of awareness of these rules cannot be cited as reason for their violation.

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. Please see me privately after class or during office hours. For disability-related accommodations, you also need to obtain an accommodations letter from DSP (<https://dsp.berkeley.edu>) which will be sent directly to the professor.

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 (<https://sa.berkeley.edu/dean/confidential-care-advocate>), which serves survivors of sexual violence and sexual harassment.