

Topics in Microeconomics

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Office Hours: By Appointment
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Classes: Mo 14:00-15:00, Online
Course Material:
<https://hagh-panah.ir/teaching/files/>

1 Course Description

Topics in Microeconomics is the second half of Microeconomics II course. It is a half-a-semester course, designed to be part of Microeconomics Sequence. It provides an introduction to advanced topics in microeconomics, from adverse selection and moral hazard to strategic communication and price formation. There is no single reference textbook. For each lecture, you will be provided with a list of articles and other references pertinent to the topics covered.

This course relies on Professor Kamali's presentation in the Microeconomics II and Contract Theory courses.

Prerequisites: Microeconomics I, Introduction to Game Theory (First half of Microeconomics II)

2 Materials

Textbooks:

- Mas-Colell, A., Whinston, M. D., & Green, J. R. (1995). Microeconomic Theory (1st ed.). ????: Oxford University Press. ISBN-13: 978-0195073409.
- Fudenberg, D. & Tirole, J. (1991). Game Theory (1st ed.). ????: The MIT Press. ISBN-13: 978-0262061414.

Other Useful References:

- A list of papers will be provided.

3 Topics and Schedule

Modules	Topics	Tasks and Due Dates
Review	Game Theory	Read! Feedback & List of Topics
Module 1 Required Topics	Adverse Selection Moral Hazard ...	Read! Presentations
Module 2 Elective Topics	Price Formation Strategic Communication ...	Read! Presentations

4 Course Policies

Academic Integrity and Honesty

Students are required to comply with the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct.

Accommodations for Disabilities

In order to take advantage of accommodations made for students with verifiable disabilities, students must contact the program office before the end of the first week of instruction.

Attendance Policy

For complete attendance and excused absence policies, please refer to the Code of Student Conduct.

Classroom Etiquette

Practicing rules of courtesy and etiquette in the classroom is expected. The following are a few points worth making a note of:

- Please arrive to class on time and come prepared.
- Feel free to ask your questions without asking for permission. The pursuit of knowledge is sacrosanct.
- Electronics used for activities related to the course are allowed in class. Please refrain from using them for anything but those activities. Of course, all electronics have to be in “Do not disturb” mode.

- Lectures may not be recorded or videotaped.
- Drinking is allowed in class, eating is not!
- If you know you might need to leave the class in the middle of the lecture, please choose your seat accordingly.
- Harassment of any person (either in the form of quid pro quo or creation of a hostile environment) and discrimination based on age, color, creed, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, or status are violations of the laws of decency and will not be tolerated.

Email Etiquette

You are expected to follow the professional email etiquette guidelines, including but not limited to the following:

- Please state the purpose of your email in the subject line and make it concise.
- Please add a call to action, which is where you provide specific directions regarding what you want the recipient to do next, to the body of your email.
- Please do not expect an immediate response via email. A response will be sent within two business days.

Grading Policy

The typical TeIAS grading scale will be used. The grade will count the assessments using the following proportions:

- **20%:** Class Participation and Presentation(s)
- **30%:** Midterm and/or Final Exams
- **20%:** Problem Sets and Quizzes
- **30%:** Project(s) and Paper(s)

Remark 1: Late assignments will be accepted for a 50% deduction to the score up to 2 hours after the deadline.

Remark 2: If a student's submission status for any of the activities assigned is "No Submission", she/he will not pass the class. Also, blank submission is considered "No Submission".

Remark 3: If you are eligible for a deferred exam, an alternate exam sitting will be arranged for you. For complete excused absence policies, please refer to the program policies.

Office Hour Etiquette

Practicing rules of courtesy and etiquette during the office hours is expected. The following are a few points worth making a note of:

- Please state the purpose of your requested office hour meeting when making an appointment at <https://panah.youcanbook.me/>.
- Please conduct a short investigation on the subject of your question before the meeting, i.e. Google it!