# Microeconomics IV Syllabus and instructions

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#### Course organisation

- → 10 weeks of Cours-TD: 2h of coursework, 1h of problem set solving
- → Main textbook is **Hal Varian's** Intermediate Microeconomics
- → Slides will be provided after each course. Strongly recommended to take notes in class. (<a href="https://sites.google.com/view/marionasegu/microeconomics-iv">https://sites.google.com/view/marionasegu/microeconomics-iv</a>)

#### **Evaluation:**

- → 30% Partial exam
- → 10% Oral Presentation
- → 60% Final exam

Attendance in mandatory

### **Syllabus**

- → Ch1: Exchange
- → Ch2: Exchange with production
- → Ch3: Welfare
- → Ch4: Externalities
- → Ch5: Public Goods
- → Ch6: Asymetric Information

#### **Oral Presentation Guidelines**

- → Presentations will be done by groups of 2 (one group of 3). Email me your group before Tuesday 17th of January.
- → You will be asked to choose a case study among a list of topics
- → Presentations should be between 10 and 15min
- → All members of the group should talk. You can use slides.

#### **Oral Presentation Guidelines**

How to structure the presentation

- 1) Provide some context of your case study
- 2) Relate your case with the theoretical concepts seen in class
- 3) Provide solutions

Evaluation of the presentation

- → Focus on presentation skills (public speaking, engaging with the audience)
- → Content should be correct but it is not the main item

## **Presentation Skills**

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#### **Basics of Public Speaking**

- → Look at the audience and talk to the audience.
- → Be loud enough that they can hear you.
- → Be slow enough that they can process what you say.
- → Do not walk around the room. It makes you look nervous and cuts you off from the audience.
- → Move your body naturally, especially your hands the way you would in a conversation with someone you care about, on a topic you care about.
- → Do not stand in front of your slides.
- → Rehearse! Time yourself, ask for feedback

#### **Basics of Slides**

- 1 slide = 1 message
- → A slide should contain as little information as possible, conditional on it conveying your point at a glance. Don't use more slides than you need
- → Consider using visuals (images, graphs, etc)
- Never write anything on a slide the audience cannot read.
- → Make sure text and background color don't clash
- → Make sur The Correct letters Are capitalized
- → Fix Typoes