

Principles of Economics (Econ 1)
UCLA Fall 2022

Syllabus

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Time and Location

Tue and Thur 9:30AM-10:45AM (Kaplan A51)

Course Description

Introduction to principles of economic analysis, economic institutions, and issues of economic policy. Emphasis on allocation of resources and distribution of income through price system.

Textbook:

Principles of Economics. N. Gregory Mankiw, 9th Edition with MindTap Printed Access Code. E-book with Cengage Learning.

Academic Dishonesty

Any cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. For more details please refer to the Office of the Dean of Students website at:

<https://www.deanofstudents.ucla.edu/studentconductcode/>

Disabled Students and the Center for Accessible Education (CAE)

Any student with a preexisting illness or condition who requests special arrangements must (a) qualify under CAE rules for such special arrangements and (b) must take the exam with CAE. Any such arrangements with CAE must be made the first week of classes. The instructor must be informed of any such arrangement in the first week of classes. For additional information and the qualification conditions of the Center for Accessible Education, please visit their website at <http://www.cae.ucla.edu/>. All other students must take the exam at the scheduled time under the same time constraints. It is the responsibility of all students who request special arrangements with CAE to be familiar with all of their rules as well as the rules of this class.

Computation of Course Grade

At the end of the term, a curve will be applied to the overall grades. Since the curve depends on the overall class performance, I am not able to provide estimates for what grade you need on a particular exam in order to pass the class. The contents of the exams below are tentative since they depend on how far we are in the class.

- 20% Midterm Exam 1 (Content: Tentatively, Ch 1 - 4, Oct 20th)
- 20% Midterm Exam 2 (Content: Tentatively, Ch 5 - 9, Nov 17th)
- 15% Homework (Approximately 1 per week -drop the lowest score)
- 45% Final Exam (Cumulative, Tuesday, December 6th, 3:00PM - 6:00PM)

Where to Direct Questions

Types of Questions

Administrative (course enrollment, advice)
Administrative (switching sections)
Exam Issues
Course Material
MindTap

Whom to Contact

ug-counselor@econ.ucla.edu
Ed McDevitt (mcdevitt@econ.ucla.edu)
Your TA
Post your question(s) on the Discussion Forum
1-800-990-8211 (Tech Support)

Course Enforced Policies

- There are no make-up exams*. Exam dates are indicated on the syllabus. Therefore, if you cannot take an exam on the specified date, you are advised to take the course in a different section.
- There are no make up homework assignments. Late homework assignments will not be accepted under any circumstances. The due dates will be posted on the course website and also on MindTap. Therefore, please make sure to keep track of the deadlines for these assignments.
- There are no extra credit assignments available.
- Exams are open notes via MindTap but they are held during the official lecture time on the dates indicated. All times are Pacific Standard Time (PST).
- Scientific/graphing calculators are allowed and recommended during exams.
- All grades are final when filed by the instructor on the Final Grade Report.

*We will make exceptions to this rule only for situations that are out of your control such as medical emergencies, accidents, etc. Your missed exam grade will be estimated based on your final exam performance conditioned on the respective chapters of the missed exam. For example, if you missed Midterm 1, your Midterm 1 grade will be the score you get on the questions from the final that are from Chapters 1 - 5. If you do miss an exam, you will need to submit a list of your current course enrollments (including contact information of your professors) to verify that you also missed exams and/or coursework in your other classes. Lastly, if you request a medical note from the Ashe Center, we will not accept the 'Self-Generated' notes as a proof of illness or injury.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Lecture Topics	Chapters
0 (Sep 22)	Course Introduction & Ten Principles of Economics	1
1 (Sep 27, 29)	Thinking Like an Economist	2
	Interdependence and the Gains from Trade	3
2 (Oct 4, 6)	Supply & Demand	4
3 (Oct 11, 13)	Supply & Demand (continued)	4
	Elasticity and Its Applications	5
4 (Oct 18, 20)	Elasticity and Its Applications (continued)	5
	Midterm Exam 1 (Oct 20)	
5 (Oct 25, 27)	Supply, Demand, and Government Policies	6
6 (Nov 1, 3)	Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets	7
	Application: The Costs of Taxation	8
7 (Nov 8, 10)	Application: International Trade	9
	Externalities	10
8 (Nov 15, 17)	Externalities (continued)	10
	Midterm Exam 2 (Nov 17)	
9 (Nov 22)	The Costs of Production	13
	Firms in Competitive Markets	14
10 (Nov 29, Dec 1)	Monopoly	15
	Monopolistic Competition	16
11 (December 6)	Final Exam (Tuesday, December 6th, 3:00PM - 6:00PM)	Cumulative

Email Policy

Students should email me only for personal matters. When you have a question about the course content, you are strongly encouraged to:

- attend the TA sections.
- go to the office hours of your respective TA or mine.
- use the class 'Discussion forum' (via the course website on CCLE) and/or email your TA.

All MindTap related questions should be directed to their Tech Support at 1-800-990-8211.