

# ECON 3070 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Spring 2023  
MWF 9:05AM-9:55AM HLMS 241

Recitation Times and Locations:  
Monday 1:25-2:15PM, ECON 205, Wednesday 2:30-3:20PM HUMN 186

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# 1 Course Overview

Each student's weighted average score will be calculated, and a final letter grade will be computed based on a curve that ensures that the distribution of grades will be similar to that observed in other sections of ECON3070.

## 4 Course Website

Students should enroll in this course's Canvas webpage. This syllabus will be posted there, along with problem sets, lecture notes, announcements, grades, and the online textbook.

## 5 Textbook

The primary textbook for the course is *Microeconomics*, 5th edition, by David Besanko and Ronald Braeutigam. An online version of the textbook is provided by default for \$35.29 as part of the CU's Day 1 Digital Access program, and will be available via the course's Canvas website. If you wish to opt out of purchasing the online version of the textbook, you must do so by January 26th in order to avoid being billed. Because the content and sequence of lectures closely follows the book, and all extra practice problems are taken from the book, buying the textbook is *extremely strongly* encouraged. However, not all lecture material will be covered in the textbook, and not all textbook material will be covered in class. Furthermore, all problem sets and exams will be based only on the content covered in lecture. Thus, purchase of the textbook is not explicitly required.

## 6 iClicker Reef

Students are required to purchase an iClicker Reef subscription for this class. iClicker information will be used to help determine your attendance and participation grade. You are responsible for setting up the iClicker Reef application by the first day of class, January 18th. Information on how to register for an account is available at <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-set-iclicker-reef-student-account>. Information on how to add this course to your iClicker Reef account and how to use the application during class is available at <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-using-iclicker-reef-class>.

## 7 Makeup Exams

If you communicate to me prior to the day of the exam that you will need to miss an exam due to a religious holiday or due to illness, a makeup exam may be scheduled with the professor. If the makeup is taken after the originally scheduled exam, then the makeup exam will be more difficult than the original exam due to the additional time you will have to study.

## 8 Administrative Drops

Students who do not attend at least two of the first three classes may be administratively dropped from the course in favor of students on the wait list.

## 9 Course Schedule

A tentative schedule of lecture topics, textbook reading assignments, and exam dates is provided below. The chapters listed refer to Besanko and Braeutigam's *Microeconomics*, 5th edition. Note that there will be no class during Spring Break (March 27th/29th/31st). These dates are replaced with \NC" for \no class" on the course schedule below.

Week	Topics	Book Chapters
Jan 18/20	Introducing the Economic Model &	Ch. 1
Jan 23/25/27	Perfect Competition Overview	Ch. 2
J/F 30/1/3	Consumer Preferences	Ch. 3
Feb 13/15/17	Demand Curves & <b>1st Midterm Exam</b>	Ch. 5
Feb 20/22/24	Nonlinear Budget Constraints & Consumer Welfare	Ch. 5
F/M 27/1/3	Intro. to Production	Ch. 5-6
Mar 6/8/10	Cost Minimization	Ch. 7
Mar 13/15/17	<b>2nd Midterm Exam &amp; Profit Maximization &amp; Supply Curves</b>	Ch. 8-9
Mar 20/22/24	Short- and Long-Run Perfect Competition	Ch. 9

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