

# **INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY**

**ECON 3070-005**

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## **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

Besanko, David, and Ronald R. Braeutigam, *Microeconomics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Wiley Publishing, ISBN 9780470049242.

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

All economies are made up of individual decision makers, namely consumers and firms whose choices determine all aspects of the societies in which we live. This course introduces a theoretical framework to model the behavior of individual

## **PREREQUISITES**

While attendance will not be taken for the other days, it is strongly suggested that you attend all classes since the course material is difficult. You are responsible for all information covered in class lectures. **I do not post or give out my notes.** If you miss a class, you should be able to get notes from one your classmates.

## **PROBLEM SETS**

Problem sets constitute 20% of your course grade which **cannot** be dropped. The schedule of when problem sets are due is given below. **The problem sets must be handed in class the day they are due.** I will announce in class when problem sets are posted. Solutions will be posted on the website shortly thereafter. You will not receive credit for late assignments. You may miss one assignment, as your lowest problem set grade will be dropped.

Students are encouraged to work on the problem sets in small groups (5 people or less). However, each person **must** submit their own write-ups of their problem sets **and** you must put the names of your group members on your assignment (make sure your name is distinct from the group members so I know who to give the grade to). Handing in identical homeworks is not permitted.

## **EXAMS**

Each exam will be composed of two sections: a multiple-choice section and a short answer section. You should bring a #2 pencil and a **non-graphing** calculator to the exam (a ruler is also recommended). **If you bring a graphing calculator or cell phone calculator to the exam, 10 points will be deducted from your grade on that exam.**

Midterm exams will not be cumulative, but the material builds upon itself, so it is important to understand each concept along the way. Exam material will be based off of the lecture notes, readings and problem sets. I will announce before each exam the topics that will be included.

Midterm 1 will take place on **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** and midterm 2 will take place on **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Midterm exams will be held in the usual classroom during lecture time. **The final exam will be cumulative** and will take place on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from **7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** It will be held in the usual classroom.

There will be **no extra credit opportunities** that are not offered to the entire class.

**Note:** If you have 3 or more final exams on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the **last** exam scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have 3 or more exams on the same day, and you must make arrangements no later than the 6th week of the semester (**no later than Friday, October 2, 2009**).

## MISSED ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

Late assignments will not be accepted since solutions will be posted online after the assignment is due. If you miss a midterm for any reason there will be **no makeup exam** but your grades will be reweighted (refer to the grading policy).

## GRADING DISPUTES

Please do NOT email me about a grading dispute – grades cannot be discussed over email. You must come and see me during my office hours.

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

This is the *tentative* schedule of topics to be covered for the course.

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Aug 25	Chapter 1	Chapter 2, <b>Math Pretest</b>
Sept 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3
Sept 8	Chapter 3	Chapter 4, <b>PS 1 due</b>
Sept 15	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
Sept 22	Chapter 5	Chapter 5, <b>PS 2 due</b>



you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.

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