ECON 200 D: Introduction to Microeconomics
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Course Description
This course is an introductory course in microeconomics. The course consists of three parts: Demand and supply analysis (Chapter 1-5), analysis of production, and analysis of markets structures.

By studying the first part, one should be able to apply the tools of demand supply to analyze a broad range of problems, such as tax and subsidy, price control, capture of consumer surplus, economic welfare and etc. Also, you will gain a sense of marginal analysis, which is the key tool for economic analysis, from this part of study.

The study of the second and the third parts will reinforce your understanding with marginal analysis, which will allow you to analyze problems like firms’ shut-down decision, monopoly pricing, price discrimination, and etc.

Textbooks
6th Edition is also acceptable. You do not have to purchase online test; we do not have online assignments.
I will use chapter 1-5, and 10 from this textbook.

I used these books mainly for the second half of the course. Given that they are very old books, you do not have to purchase them. Instead, I made course reserve for these two books; it should be available in Odegaard Undergraduate Library shortly.

Grading
5 Quizzes: 32%
2 Exams: 68% (34% each)

- There will be 5 quizzes; your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Make-up quizzes are not available unless you have a doctor’s note. Make-up quizzes should be taken within one week from the original quiz day. Any issues concerning individual quiz grades must be resolved within 1 week after the graded quizzes have been handed back to the class.

- There will be 2 exams, 1st exam and 2nd exam.
  o For the 1st exam: If you miss it and would like to make it up, you must present a doctor’s note explaining why you were absent on the testing day. Make-up 1st exam should be taken within one week from the original exam day. Any issues concerning your 1st exam grade must be resolved within 1 week after the graded 1st exam is handed back to the class.
For the 2nd exam: The 2nd exam is not cumulative, which means it will not test directly on materials covered before the 1st exam. No make-up exam is available for the 2nd exam.

Make-up quizzes or exam in general are harder than the original ones.

Additional Resources
- The CLUE (Center for Undergraduate Learning and Enrichment) Program - [http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/clue/home/](http://depts.washington.edu/aspuw/clue/home/)
- Personal Tutors for hire – email econadv@u.washington.edu for additional information.

Disability Accommodations
If you have a documented disability and feel comfortable sharing that with me, please do so at the earliest time possible so that I can help make necessary accommodations. I also encourage you to work with staff at the Office of Disability Resources.

Academic Integrity
Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the Department’s rules for student conduct and evaluation of student learning. Students accused of academic misconduct will be referred directly to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct for disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Conduct Code and, if found guilty, will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions range from a disciplinary warning, to academic probation, to immediate dismissal for the Department and the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct. Dismissal can be, and has been, applied even for first offenses. Moreover, a grade of zero can be assigned by the instructor for the course.
Tentative Schedule*

* Note that this is a tentative schedule. I reserve the right to change the progress, to add and to exclude materials.

Week 1: Ch 1
Week 2: Ch 2, Quiz 1 (Friday, April 10)
Week 3: Ch 3
Week 4: Ch 4, Quiz 2 (Monday, April 20)
Week 5: Ch 5, Quiz 3 (Monday, April 27)

Materials henceforth are from the second textbook, except that for week 9, theory of interest, which is from chapter 10 of first textbook.

Week 6: Law of diminishing return, important quantitative relationships, and three phases of production, 1st exam (Monday and Tuesday, May 4 & 5)
Week 7: Cost curves and perfect competition
Week 8: Monopoly, Quiz 4 (Monday, May 18)
Week 9: Theory of interest, Quiz 5 (Tuesday, May 26)
Week 10: 2nd exam (Monday and Tuesday, June 1 & 2)