

ECON 200 A Introduction to Microeconomics Syllabus – Summer 2015

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Class Time: Daily 8:30 – 9:30 SAV 156

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Required Textbook: N. Gregory Mankiw, “Principles of Microeconomics” 6th edition

You can either obtain an electronic version of the textbook or purchase it from the bookstore. You DO need Aplia for the homework portion of this class. The Aplia registration comes with an electronic copy of the textbook.

Homework:

I will be using Aplia for homework assignments. Please refer to the Student Registration Instruction file in terms of how to register for Aplia.

Student Registration URL: <http://login.cengagebrain.com/course/E8FJ-CM2R-RG5L>

Course Key: E8FJ-CM2R-RG5L

Make-up Exams:

There are **no** make-up exams. In the rare circumstance of a student being hospitalized just prior to or during the midterm due to an accident or other ailment, you can come speak to me individually. Even if your excuses are legitimate, I still reserve the right to not give out make-up exams (ex) I may simply give you the average of all other exam scores in replace of your missing exam).

Grades:

All the grades for your quizzes/exams will be shown on the catalyst/class website. Your grades for homework will be transferred from Aplia into the catalyst gradebook at the end of the quarter.

The grading policy of the Department of Economics determines the range for the Median grade in principles of economics courses to be between 2.9 and 3.1. A distribution of the grades on a 4.0 scale will be determined from the raw scores out of 100 to maintain this policy.

Note: Any issues with the scores on your exams must be resolved within 1 week after they are handed back to you. It is part of your responsibility to verify the entries on the Catalyst grade book.

Homework: 16%

Exams: 68% (each exam is worth 17%)

Participation and in-class projects/assignments: 16%

* If you are caught cheating, you will automatically receive 0.0 GPA for the course.

Rules about emailing me with class material related questions:

Unless you know that I can answer your questions (class material related) with less than two sentences, I prefer you come visit me during my office hours. It is usually a lot easier for me to answer your questions in person. If you cannot make it to my office hours, shoot me an email to schedule an appointment with me. I am usually pretty flexible with time.

Disability Accommodations:

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

Class Schedule:

Please refer to the following tentative reading schedule to prepare for class (Mankiw textbook chapters listed in parentheses). It's likely that we may get ahead or lag as we get further into the quarter; however, the exam dates are fixed.

Week 1: Chapter 1, Chapter 2: the role of assumptions, positive vs. normative analysis

Week 2: Chapter 3, Chapter 2: The production possibility Frontier, Chapter 4

Week 3: Exam 1 (7/7 Tuesday), Chapter 4, Chapter 5, Chapter 6 (price ceiling and price floor),

Week 4: Chapter 7, Chapter 6 (tax)

Week 5: chapter 8, Exam 2 (7/22 Wed), Chapter 10

Week 6: Chapter 10, Chapter 11

Week 7: Exam 3 (8/6 Thursday), Chapter 13, Chapter 14

Week 8: Chapter 14, Chapter 15

Week 9: Chapter 17, Exam 4 (8/21 Friday)