

Economics 200C: Introduction to Microeconomics

Summer 2015

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Course Objectives:

In this course you will learn the fundamentals of economics as a way of thinking about problems of resource allocation, balance of incentives, and decision-making. This will help you understand why firms and individuals make certain decisions, and why in some cases there are ways to improve welfare. You will find that the economic way of thinking extends to situations you might not have expected, such as environmental issues, marriage decisions, and drug use, among many others.

Textbook:

Principles of Microeconomics, 7th Edition by Gregory Mankiw

Problem sets:

There are practice problem sets and solutions on the course webpage. Solving them are up to your initiative. They will not be collected or graded, but **exams will contain some (possibly modified) problems from the problem sets, so they are considered to be the practice exams.**

Grading

Note: No extra credit, so take all exams seriously!

Exam 1: July 7 (Tuesday) 25%

Exam 2: July 22 (Wednesday) 25%

Exam 3: August 6 (Thursday) 25%

Exam 4: August 21 (Friday) 25%

All exams are closed book, and **they are not cumulative.** There is no final exam for this class. **Exam dates are not negotiable.** If you have other plans on those dates, you should

not take the course. Check your schedules well in advance. If you miss an exam because of documented illness or sports, the weight of the missed exam will be added to the weights of the other exams. If you miss any two of the exams with valid excuses, you will be given a grade of incomplete. There are absolutely no other exceptions, no make-ups, no rescheduling. Unexcused missed exams will receive scores of 0.

The final points in the class will be curved but the typical U.S. percentage cutoffs (90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D, 0-59%=F) will apply as the minimum letter grade you can expect.

The CLUE (Center for Undergraduate Learning and Enrichment) Program:

Econ 200 is part of the CLUE Program on campus. The CLUE evening study sessions provide extra educational support for students. The CLUE dates and times for Econ 200 will be announced on CLUE website. The CLUE schedule online is at: <http://depts.washington.edu/clue/index.php>

If you need additional help in writing, CLUE also provides a number of workshops and has a drop-in tutoring service at their writing center.

Academic Conduct:

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.

If you are unsure what constitutes academic dishonesty, please take a look at the Department's honesty policy on the class website. Please do not even *consider* doing this. It is not worth it.