

Economics 200I: Introduction to Microeconomics Winter 2015

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Class Time & Location: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m., THO 135

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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

An older edition/second hand copy is fine for this class, as long as you are able to find and follow the material. There are no online packages required for this course.

Grading

Quiz: 20% January 22, 2015 (Thursday)

Midterm 1: 40% February 17, 2015 (Tuesday)

Midterm 2: 40% March 12, 2015 (Thursday)

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.