

Economics 200K: Introduction to Microeconomics

University of Washington

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Website: Catalyst course 'ECON 200K Winter 2014'

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.

Important study materials:

- Textbook
- Practice Problems

Grade:

Quizzes (30% of total grade, each consists of 15% of total grade): There will be 2 quizzes **(January 21 and February 25)**

Midterm and Final Exam (60% of total grade, each consists of 30% of total grade): Midterm is on **February 4** and Final exam on **March 11**.

Class Participation (10% of total grade). Any extra credit grades will be added to this as well.

Make-up Quiz/Exam: Only under special circumstances (medical, athletic needs), I will consider the situation, but make sure to bring documentation to claim your make-up exam. I would request you to schedule other activities keeping that exam dates in mind.

Students with Special Needs: Please come talk to me latest by the end of 1st Week.

Academic Conduct:

Please take a look at the UW Economics Department's policies online.

You are allowed a scientific calculator during your Quizzes of the Final Exam. No programmable calculators or cellphones are allowed.

Some other resources:

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 200F will be announced on CLUE website. The CLUE schedule online is at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/clue/index.php>

UW Night Ride:

<https://www.washington.edu/facilities/transportation/uwshuttles/NightRide>

Husky Night Walk:

<http://police.uw.edu/aboutus/divisions/security/husky-nightwalk/>