

Econ 200: Introduction to Microeconomics

Section G Syllabus

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Lectures: Mon. - Fri. 9:30-10:20 AM @ More Hall 221

(Slides will be uploaded to Canvas)

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### ***Topics and Schedule (Tentative)***

Tradeoff and Choices (Week 1-2), Supply and Demand (Week 3-4), Market Interventions (Week 5), Trade and Welfare (Week 6-7), Production and Costs (Week 8-9), Perfectly Competition (Week 10), Monopoly and Imperfect Competition (Week 11)

University Holidays: Nov.11 (Veteran's Day) and Nov.24-25 (Thanksgiving)

**In ECON 200G, lectures will be offered in person. They will not be recorded. Office hours will be offered in person. Assignments must be submitted online. Exams will be given in person. Students will not be able to complete the class remotely since all exams will be in-person.**

### ***Textbook and Homework***

The required textbook is Microeconomics, 3rd edition, by Karlan and Morduch. You will also need to purchase the associated access to the online homework

system (MH Connect). It is recommended for you to purchase the bundled e-book and homework access in the MH Connect section on Canvas. A two-week free trial is available if you are unsure about continuing this course.

### ***Grading***

Grades will be calculated based on the following:

Exams (70%) (Exam 1: 25%, Exam 2: 45%)

Homework (15%)

Writing Assignments (15%)

Final grades will be curved if necessary for a median GPA of this section to be between 2.9 and 3.0. Your GPA for this course will be an evaluation of your performance **within** this section (200 G).

### ***Important Dates***

**Homework** is due in MH Connect by 11:59 PM each Friday (See below for exceptions).

**Writing Assignments** are due on Canvas by 11:59 PM on Nov.4 and Dec.9 respectively.

**Exams** are on Oct.31 (Exam 1) during regular class time and Dec.14 (Exam 2) from 8:30 AM to 10:20 AM. They are non-cumulative and in-person.

### ***Resources***

Please come to office hours for any question you might have about the class, assignments, or homework. Free tutoring is available from the Department of

Economics (by the Economics Undergraduate Board).

After you've purchased the textbook together with access to MH connect, you can use a group of quizzes called Smartbook Assignments to test your knowledge. They can be found in MH Connect section on Canvas and correspond to different chapters. They will not count towards your course grade. Nevertheless, it is highly recommended that you utilize them outside the assigned homework.

### ***Academic Integrity***

You are expected to show your own work for every assignment and exam. It is your responsibility to be aware of the rules and not consult any outside resources during exams. Suspected violations of this policy will be taken seriously and reported to the student conduct office. You will also receive a zero for the exam. Additionally, writing assignments will be submitted through a plagiarism checker on Canvas.

### ***Class Format***

Each week, you will need to read chapters from the textbook, which I will cover in lectures with the expectation that you have read them beforehand. A problem set (on MH Connect) will be assigned as homework and due by the end of each Friday, **except Sep.30, Nov.4, Nov.18**. They are graded by correctness.

There will be two writing assignments, for each of which you will find an article related to course topics and describe the issues presented. You will then elaborate on how the course material helps explain such information or phenomenon. Check the writing assignments section on Canvas for details.

Office hours are in person at Savery 319F. If it does not work for you, feel free to email me for an alternative time or a Zoom session. Please check your UW email regularly for additional information and announcements throughout the quarter.

### ***Makeup Policies and Flexibility***

Your two lowest homework scores will be dropped for grading purposes. Provided this policy, there will be no extension for any homework assignments, and you will be expected to use the dropped score if you missed one. Any technical issue regarding MH Connect should be consulted with their tech support as soon as possible. (Start early!)

Writing assignments can be submitted up to 3 days late, with a 10% per day grade penalty (A late submission by 3 days will receive 70% of the score it would have received if turned in before the due date).

If you are ill and must miss an exam, please contact me immediately to receive information about your makeup exam. You will not be given a makeup exam unless you communicate with me before the listed exam time. Please confirm your availability beforehand as no exception will be given to conflicts with work schedules or travel plans.

### ***Safety***

Masks are strongly recommended indoors for the first two weeks of the quarter and recommended after that. Please stay home if you are sick, have COVID-19 symptoms, or test positive for COVID-19.

Notify UW Environmental Health & Safety if you test positive for COVID-19 or have close contact with an individual who has tested positive. This requirement applies even if you're fully vaccinated. Additional details are in the FAQ.

(<https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/faq/#health>)

Eating is not allowed during the lecture. Hydration is important and intermittently consuming water or other beverages in the classroom is allowed.

### ***Accommodations***

Students who have established services with Disability Resources for Students (DRS) should contact me about their accommodation as soon as possible. Students with disabilities who have not yet established services with DRS should contact them at [disability.uw.edu](http://disability.uw.edu) to set up an Access Plan.

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request accommodation, is available at Religious Accommodations Policy.

(<https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/>)

Accommodation must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form.

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