

# ECON 300 C: Intermediate Microeconomics

Spring 2023 – University of Washington

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**Lectures:** Tue, Thu: 4:30 – 6:20 at Savery Hall room 156

**Midterm:** Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Same location and time as lectures.

**Final Exam:** Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Same location and time as lectures.

**Note:** All lectures and exams are in-person and zoom recoding is not provided unless special circumstances arise.

**Office Hours:** TBD

**Textbook:**

Textbook: Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus (5th edition) by Jeffrey M. Perloff, 2020.

**Prerequisites**

ECON 200 and any one of the following: MATH 112, 123, or 134.

**Evaluation:**

- 30% Midterm
- 50% Final exam
- 20% Homeworks

## Course Schedule (subject to change):

### Part 1:

- Week 1: Math/algebra review, Econ 200 Review Math Rev + Ch. 1,2
- Week 2: Consumer choice Ch. 3
- Week 3: Demand Theory, Welfare analysis Ch. 4, 5
- Week 4: Theory of the firm, Cost Ch. 6, 7
- Week 5: Cost, Midterm exam

### Part 2:

- Week 6: Perfect competition Ch. 8
- Week 7: Perfect competition continued, Monopolies Ch. 9, 11
- Week 8: Monopolies continued, Game Theory Ch. 13
- Week 9: Monopolistic competition and Oligopolies Ch. 14
- Week 10: Review, Final Exam

**Midterm Exam:** Covers **chapters 1 – 7.**

**Final Exam:** Covers **chapters 8, 9, 11, 13, 14**

- The exam will be **closed-book** and **closed-notes** and you may not use any supplementary material during the exam with the exception of a **calculator**.

## Homework Assignments

- Throughout the quarter I will post homework assignments on **Pearson MyLab Economics**.
- You may opt not to submit **two** homework assignments without them having an effect on your overall grade. However, if you do submit all (which is strongly recommended), the two lowest grades will be **dropped** automatically therefore, **no extensions will be provided on the homework assignments**.

### **Department policy and assigning grades:**

- The department of economics has adopted a set of grading guidelines for ECON 300. The median grade assigned must be no more than 3.2.

### **Academic Honesty**

1. Exams are individual work and cheating will not be tolerated. Looking at another student's exam is considered cheating. If a student is seen committing this act, they will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct on campus for a hearing. A student who may be facilitating the act of cheating will be also referred to the same office.
2. Altering an exam before submitting it for a review of the grading, obtaining an advance copy of an examination, or arranging for a surrogate test-taker are all flagrant violations of university policy. Again, a student suspected of this act may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.
3. Altering an exam after being graded and then soliciting an adjustment of the exam grade is also a violation of university policy and students who attempt this will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. A formal warning: a copy of each exam will be saved before being distributed back to students.
4. Cheating of any kind may result in expulsion from the university. The department will follow university policy in case of academic misconduct. I strongly recommend that you review the Dept. of Economics policy here. Students found having engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions, which range from a disciplinary warning to permanent expulsion from the University, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct.

## **Accessibility and Accommodations**

If you have already established accommodations with Disability Resources for Students (DRS), please communicate your approved accommodations to me at your earliest convenience so we can discuss your needs in this course. If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations (conditions include, but not limited to: mental health, attention-related, learning, vision, hearing, physical or health impacts), you are welcome to contact DRS at [206-543-8924](tel:206-543-8924) or [uw-drs@uw.edu](mailto:uw-drs@uw.edu) or [disability.uw.edu](http://disability.uw.edu).

DRS offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and/or temporary health conditions. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s), and DRS. It is the policy and practice of the University of Washington to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law.

## **Religious Accommodations**

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hard-ship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available at Faculty Syllabus Guidelines and Resources. Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form available at

<https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/>