

University of Washington  
**Economics 300: Intermediate Microeconomics**  
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**Lectures:** in-person during scheduled class times and will not be recorded.

**Exams:** in-person.

**FK Office hours:** right after class + on Zoom (details on course canvas) + by appointment.

### Textbook:

- For this course, you will be required to purchase McGraw-Hill Education Connect® access for *Microeconomics (2e) by Bernheim and Whinston*. Connect will provide full access to the eBook, so you are not required to have a print text. Please be aware if you purchase a used textbook, you must still purchase Connect access.
  - The University Bookstore has set up a new program called Day One Access (D1A) to offer digital course materials to students directly through their Canvas page. See notice below.
  - Please find more details about MH Connect on canvas.

- **Day One Access – University Bookstore Notice:**

You are in a course that is participating in the Day One Access program. Through this program, some or all of your materials for this course will be delivered digitally through Canvas, at a reduced price. All communication about this program will be sent to your UW email address, and it is your responsibility to read this information. Participation is optional, and if you find that Day One Access is not right for you, make sure to opt out by the deadline for this quarter. To opt out, click the “want to opt out?” button on the VitalSource tool in the Day One Access Materials tab.

**Opt-Out/Payment Deadline for Spring 2025 – Sunday, April 20**

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**To pay for your materials:** The balance due for your Day One Access materials will appear on your Accounts page in MyUW, underneath your tuition balance. To pay for your materials, click the “make payment” button underneath the balance, and you will be re-directed to your shopping cart on [ubookstore.com](http://ubookstore.com). You will receive an order confirmation after submitting payment – **please keep this confirmation for your records**. Your balance due in MyUW will be updated within 24-48 hours.

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## Topics, Math Requirement, and Goals:

We will follow the textbook closely. We will cover the material in chapters 1-9, 14-15, and 17. We will also do selections from parts II-C (Additional Topics Concerning Decisions) and III-B (Market Failures) as time permits.

Students are expected to be comfortable with calculus, including elementary partial derivatives, and solving systems of equations.

This course presents the conceptual foundations and analytical methods of microeconomics. This course is intended to equip you with the tools and understanding to begin “thinking like an economist.” Given that Economics 300 is the intermediate course in microeconomic theory, an aim is to prepare students for advanced courses in economics which rely on models and tools presented in the course. We will analyze changes in the behavior of individuals and firms in response to changes in the constraints they face. We will also apply elementary economic theory to real world issues and problems.

## Problem sets, Quizzes, and Tests:

- Problem sets will be posted periodically, and answer keys will follow soon after. They will not be graded, but you are strongly encouraged to do them regularly to check if you are making adequate progress.
- *Online graded quizzes* will constitute 10% of the total grade (details on canvas).
- **Three** tests in total. **Calculators are not allowed.**

Test 1	20% of the grade	(Wed, April 23)
Test 2	30% of the grade	(Wed, May 21)
Test 3 ( <b><u>cumulative</u></b> )	40% of the grade	<b><u>(UW Sch: Thu, June 12, 8:30-10:20)</u></b>

- *The Economics department has a policy on academic conduct and academic honesty. Please be familiar with it : <https://econ.washington.edu/policy-academic-conduct>*
- *“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 an accommodation, is available at Religious Accommodations Policy (<https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/>). Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form (<https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/>).”*