Econ 200F: Introduction to Microeconomics

Syllabus

Winter Quarter 2014

Lecture: Tuesday, Thursday 12:30-2:20 CDH 115
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Overview

This is an introductory course to microeconomics. We will start with some basic concepts of economics and then build onto the applications and apply textbook concepts to real-world examples. The course mainly focuses on the behaviors of individuals and firms and how they depend on limited resources. While a lot of the material covered will be based on fundamental calculus concepts, calculus is not a requirement. At the end of the course, you will have a general idea of how economics is applied and be prepared to advance onto Econ 201: Introduction to Macroeconomics.

The textbook for this course is Principles of Microeconomics 7th edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw.

Grading

Problem Sets will be posted on the class website or handed out in class. They will generally be due a week from when they are handed out. They will be a mix of questions from the book and my own written questions.
Quizzes will test the topics from the previous sessions. There will be 4 quizzes. No calculator will be allowed.

Midterm Exam is scheduled to take place halfway through the quarter (about week 5). The midterm may have multiple choice questions, true false questions, explanation and graph questions, and calculation questions. The midterm will cover all the material up to the test date.

Final Exam is scheduled for finals week. It may have multiple choice questions, true false questions, explanation and graph questions, and calculation questions. The final exam is semi-cumulative. It will focus on the material after the midterm, but you will use concepts from the first half of the quarter as building blocks for material in the second half. The final exam day is listed as: Thursday, March 20th, from 10:30 am – 12:20 pm. THERE IS NO MAKE UP FOR THE FINAL.

Late/Make-up policy:
  • Late homework will NOT be accepted.
  • There are NO make-up quizzes or exams.
  • In the rare circumstance of a student being hospitalized just prior to or during the midterm due to an accident or other ailment, they must present a doctor’s note explaining why they were absent on the testing day.
  • If you miss the final, you will receive an ”incomplete” for a grade in the course.

Problem sets – 10%
Quizzes – 25% (Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.)
Midterm Exam – 30%
Final Exam – 35%