

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly. Thomas Huxley

Economics 301. Intermediate Microeconomics. Fall 2009

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TA's:

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The Course: This is an intermediate course in microeconomics. The goal of the course is for students to get a better understanding of the **tools** used in Microeconomics. This requires a good deal of math so be advised.

Text: Microeconomics Theory and Applications by Edgar Browning and Mark Zupan. We will be using APLIA so YOU NEED TO BUY THE TEXTBOOK via APLIA. If you are not sure whether you are taking the course, you can still use APLIA for 30 days without paying. That way if you decide to drop the class you are not down the money for the book.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to attend lectures as well as a weekly discussion session with a teaching assistant. I will try to follow the text as much as I can, however, I will cover stuff not in the text. Problem sets will be assigned **approximately** every week.

Late homework will not be accepted for **any** reason (see Thomas Huxley). Students may collaborate on problem sets, although each must submit his/her own answers in his/her own words. All problem sets will be submitted via the APLIA website for the class.

McBurney Students: Let me know ASAP.

Exams: There will be three exams: two midterms and a final exam. The midterms will take place on Tuesday, October 6 (In class) and on Tuesday, November 10 (In class). The final exam (unless I misread the timetable) is scheduled for 02:45 P.M. on Monday, December 21.

These are the only times these exams will be offered. There is no flexibility so you **cannot** miss them (see Thomas Huxley).

There are no makeup exams. Maybe, if you can convince me (written statements, no talking your way out) I will shift the weight of a missed exam to the final but there are no guarantees. Otherwise you will get a zero (see Thomas Huxley).

Your final grade consists of 20% each midterm exam, 20% problem sets and 40% final exam. **Any questions about grading need to be made in writing.** Neither I nor the T.A. will talk about grades with anyone. If you decide to have us check your grades then be aware that your grade may go up but it also may go down, so make sure you know what you are doing.

I am pretty sure that any other case not considered in this Syllabus can be answered by looking at Huxley's quotation.

Next page contains an **estimated** timeline. Almost surely it will suffer changes.

Grievance Procedure

The Department of Economics at UW-Madison has developed a grievance procedure through which you may register comments or complaints about a course, an instructor, or a teaching assistant. The Department continues to provide a course evaluation each semester in every class. If you wish to make anonymous complaints to an instructor or teaching assistant, the appropriate vehicle is the course evaluation. If you have a disagreement with an instructor or a teaching assistant, we strongly encourage you to try to resolve the dispute with him or her directly. The grievance procedure is designed for situations where neither of these channels is appropriate.

If you wish to file a grievance go to room 7238 in the William H. Sewell Social Science Building at 1180 Observatory Drive and request a Course Comment Sheet. When completing the comment sheet, you will need to provide a detailed statement that describes what aspects of the course you find unsatisfactory. You will need to sign the sheet and provide your student identification number, your address, and a telephone number where you can be reached. The Department plans to investigate comments fully and will respond in writing to complaints.

Your name, address, telephone number and student ID number will not be revealed to the instructor or teaching assistant involved and will be treated as confidential. The Department needs this information because it may become necessary for a commenting student to have a meeting with the Department Chair in order to gather additional information. Your name and address are necessary for providing a written response.

MISCONDUCT

Academic Integrity is critical to maintaining fair and knowledge based learning at UW Madison. Academic dishonesty is a serious violation: it undermines the bonds of trust and honesty between members of our academic community, degrades the value of your degree and defrauds those who may eventually depend upon your knowledge and integrity.

Examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to: cheating on an examination (copying from another student's paper, referring to materials on the exam other than those explicitly permitted, continuing to work on an exam after the time has expired, turning in an exam for regrading after making changes to the exam), copying the homework of someone else, submitting for credit work done by someone else, stealing examinations or course materials, tampering with the grade records or with another student's work, or knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above.

The Dept. of Economics will deal with these offenses harshly following UWS14 procedures (<http://students.wisc.edu/saja/misconduct/UWS14.html>):

1. The penalty for misconduct in most cases will be removal from the course and a failing grade,
2. The department will inform the Dean of Students as required and additional sanctions may be applied.
3. The department will keep an internal record of misconduct incidents. This information will be made available to teaching faculty writing recommendation letters and to admission offices of the School of Business and Engineering.

If you think you see incidents of misconduct, you should tell your instructor about them, in which case they will take appropriate action and protect your identity. You could also choose to contact our administrator (Mary Beth Ellis: mellis@ssc.wisc.edu) and your identity will be kept confidential.

Day	Week	Date	Chapter
Thursday	1	3-Sep	APLIA, Policies, 1
Tuesday	2	8-Sep	2
Wednesday		9-Sep	PS-Ch1 Due
Thursday		10-Sep	2
Sunday		13-Sep	PS-Ch2 Due
Tuesday	3	15-Sep	3
Thursday		17-Sep	3
Sunday		20-Sep	PS-Ch3 Due
Tuesday	4	22-Sep	4
Thursday		24-Sep	4
Sunday		27-Sep	PS-Ch4 Due
Tuesday	5	29-Sep	Cushion-Review
Thursday		1-Oct	5
Tuesday	6	6-Oct	First Midterm (Ch 1 to 4)
Thursday		8-Oct	5
Sunday		11-Oct	PS-Ch5 Due
Tuesday	7	13-Oct	7
Thursday		15-Oct	7
Sunday		18-Oct	PS-Ch7 Due
Tuesday	8	20-Oct	8
Thursday		22-Oct	8
Sunday		25-Oct	PS-Ch8 Due
Tuesday	9	27-Oct	9
Thursday		29-Oct	9
Sunday		1-Nov	PS-Ch9 Due
Tuesday	10	3-Nov	Cushion-Review
Thursday		5-Nov	10
Tuesday	11	10-Nov	Second Midterm (Ch 5-9)
Thursday		12-Nov	10
Sunday		15-Nov	PS-Ch10 Due
Tuesday	12	17-Nov	11
Thursday		19-Nov	11
Sunday		22-Nov	PS-Ch11 Due
Tuesday	13	24-Nov	13
Thursday		26-Nov	Thanksgiving Recess
Tuesday	14	1-Dec	13
Thursday		3-Dec	14
Sunday		6-Dec	PS-Ch13 Due
Tuesday	15	8-Dec	14
Thursday		10-Dec	14
Sunday		13-Dec	PS-Ch14 Due
Tuesday	16	15-Dec	Cushion-Review
Monday	Final Exam	Dec 21, 09	2:45PM - 4:45PM