



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2006
Course:	Economics 757 [Advanced Microeconomic Theory]	Section:	01
Time:	MW 13:00-14:15	Place:	SS 423
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Textbook(s):

- Mas-Colell et al (1995) *Microeconomic Theory*, Oxford University Press. [Required]
- Varian, *Microeconomic Analysis*, Norton, 34d edition [Optional]
- Gibbons, *Game Theory for Applied Economics*, Princeton, latest edition [Optional]

In addition to the required text, various journal articles will be required for the course. Additional texts are on reserve in the library.

Book(s) on Reserve:

See detailed course outline.

Course Objectives:

This course will build on your knowledge of economic theory from Economics 657. We will be extending the analysis from that course and introducing new concepts and methods. As part of this, we will also be trying to build your mathematical skills and your economic intuition.

Course Outline:

A detailed course outline will be handed out on the first day of class.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Your grade will be based on assignments, two midterm exams, and a final exam. The assignments will typically include, in addition to some standard economic problems, several math questions and the analysis of readings. The former are intended to hone your mathematical skills. The latter are intended to develop your intuition.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97 - 100	B	83 - 86	C-	70 - 72
A	93 - 96	B-	80 - 83	D+	67 - 69
A-	90 - 92	C+	77 - 79	D	60 - 66
B+	87 - 89	C	73 - 76	F	0 - 59

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal, the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole. The 2-hour final examination will be scheduled by the department and held during the final examination period in a classroom.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within* fifteen days of the work being returned to the class.
- Make-up examinations and deferred examinations will not be given. Also, examinations will not be given *before* the indicated dates.
- Students? exams and assignments will be returned during regular class time. Papers may also be picked up by students during regular office hours.

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