



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2014
Course:	Economics 201 [Principles of Microeconomics]	Section:	04
Time:	MW F 12:00 – 12:50	Place:	ICT 102
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Textbook(s):

Required: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Mindtap Access Kit
OR
Mindtap Access Kit for Mankiw et al (see above) with online version of textbook

Book(s) on Reserve: None.

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice.

Course Outline: This course focuses on the principle that “markets are usually a good way to organize economic activity”.

1. Introduction	Chapters 1-3
2. Supply and Demand I	Chapters 4-6
3. Supply and Demand II	Chapters 7-9
4. The Economics of the Public Sector	Chapters 10 , 11
5. Firm Behaviour and the Organization of Industry	Chapters 13 – 17

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

4 assignments (best 3 counted)	20%
Midterm Examination, Friday, Oct. 24 th	30%
Final Examination	50%

Assignments and Practice Problems:

1. Assignments will be multiple choice questions, done in D2L. Due dates will be posted during the first week of class.
2. All assignments will be due at 6:00 PM on the due date. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments cannot be accepted in D2L. Furthermore, technical problems can be expected to sometimes occur with computer systems and internet availability so it may be a good idea to not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment. Technical problems will not justify shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.
3. Course material dealing with a particular assignment will typically be covered in class at least one lecture before the assignment is due and assignments can be done at any time prior to the due date. In addition, only the best 3 assignments of the 4 that are to be completed will count towards your final mark. Given these factors, only situations where someone can document illness or domestic affliction for an extended period (i.e. the entire 10 days prior to the assignment due date) would possibly warrant shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.
4. Emails regarding Mindtap should be directed towards the providers of Mindtap. I am unable to help with computer issues.

Examinations:

1. Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions.
2. The midterm examination will cover the material in Chapters 1 – 8 inclusive, and the exam will be held during lecture time on Friday, Oct. 24th.
3. The final examination will last two hours, will be scheduled by the Registrar. The final examination will cover all course material, but will be heavily weighted towards material that was not dealt with in the midterm (i.e. >70% of the final will cover Chapters 9 – 11, 13 - 17).
4. A non-programmable calculator may be used in the examinations.

Assignments, tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and 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 apply:

A+	95 – 100	B	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 94	B-	70 - 72	D+	56 - 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 55
B+	77 - 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

Notes:

1. Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation **MUST** be provided. Students should be aware that no “make-up” midterms will be given.
2. Note that deferred final examinations may contain short/long answer questions. Also, deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.
3. All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning “Intellectual Honesty,” “Examinations,” etc.
4. It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.
5. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within fifteen days* of work being returned to class. However, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be the next scheduled office hour after the return of an assignment or examination.
6. Students will be responsible for all material listed on the course outline, regardless of whether or not the material has been covered in class, unless the instructor notifies the class that the material will not be covered.
7. Please note that the following types of emails will receive **no response**: emails not addressed to anyone in particular; emails where the recipient’s name is not spelled correctly; anonymous emails; emails in which the sender has not identified which course and section he/she is taking; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Safewalk / Campus Security: 220-5333

Emergency Assembly Point: Social Sciences Food Court

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