Department of Economics
Course Outline

UNIVERSITY OF
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		Term:	Spring 2014

Course: Economics 201   **Section:**   01
[Principles of Microeconomics]

Time: MW 08:30 – 11:15   **Place:**   A140

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Office Hours: W 13:00 – 13:50
(Otherwise by appointment)

Textbook(s):

Required: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson.

Optional: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson + Aplia Access Kit
OR
Aplia 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 10-12
5. Firm Behaviour and the Organization of Industry   Chapters 13 – 17

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

2 assignments (7.5% each)   15% (Due dates: June 9th in the class, June 24th 3 pm)
Midterm Examination   35% (June 11th in the class)
Final Examination   50%

Assignments and Practice Problems:

1. PDF files with the assignments will appear in Course Documents in Blackboard at least 2 weeks before the assignment is due. All assignment questions are multiple choice. Students can collect an IBM bubble sheet in the lecture 2 weeks before the assignment is due at some point prior to the assignment being due. Instructors will not have the IBM sheets for the assignments in lectures other than in the one 2 weeks before the assignment is due. Please ensure that you fill in the bubbles for your UCID# and your name. If an assignment does not have both a UCID# and name filled in the bubble sheets, the score on that assignment will be zero.

2. All assignments will be due on the due dates, which will be discussed and posted on Blackboard during the first week of classes. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments WILL NOT BE ACCAPTED! Please note that many of the assignments have multiple parts to them, all of which must be completed by the time noted.

Aplia and Practice Problems:

1. If you choose one of the textbook options that include Aplia, you will have access to the Aplia website at http://aplia.com . Please register on the website within the first week of classes. Should you only purchase the online textbook with Aplia access, you have to pay for Aplia within the deadline set by Aplia.

2. Using Aplia, you will be able to do practice problem sets. Aplia problem sets are entirely optional, as is the purchase of Aplia, and will not be GRADED!

3. Emails regarding Aplia should be directed towards the providers of Aplia or to the teaching assistants (TAs) that will be assigned to this course.

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.

3. The final examination will last two hours, will be scheduled by the REGISTRAR. Although the final examination will cover all course material, it will be heavily weighted towards material that was not dealt with in the midterm (i.e. >75% of the final will cover Chapters 9 – 12, 13 - 17).

4. A <u>non-programmable</u> 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+	97– 100	B	76 – 80	C-	59 – 62
A	90 – 96	B-	71 – 75	D+	55 – 58
A-	86 – 89	C+	67 – 70	D	50 – 54
B+	81 – 85	C	62 – 66	F	0 – 49

Notes:

1. Students should be aware that generally no "make-up" midterms will be given. Any student who finds it necessary to miss the midterm must notify the instructor in advance and produce a valid medical certificate or other required documentation in order to have the weighting moved to the final examination. 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.

2. Students should be aware of the academic regulations outlined in The University of Calgary Calendar.

3. 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 seven (7) days after the start of this course.

4. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within seven 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.

5. 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.

6. 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: 403-220-5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Social Sciences Food Court

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