



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2004
Course:	Economics 301 [Intermediate Economic Theory ? Microeconomics I]	Section:	06
Time:	TR 12:30-13:45	Place:	ST 147 (subject to change)
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Textbook(s):

Eaton, B.C., D.F. Eaton, and D.W. Allen. *Microeconomics*. Prentice-Hall, latest edition [**Required**]

Eaton, B.C., D.F. Eaton, and D.W. Allen. *Problem Solving in Economics* (Study Guide). Prentice-Hall, latest edition. [**Optional**]

Book(s) on Reserve:

Michael Katz and Harvey Rosen, *Microeconomics*. McGraw Hill, 4th edition, 1998

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Economics 301 (Intermediate Economic Theory ? Microeconomics I) builds the foundations of microeconomic theory. It provides a systematic way of understanding human behaviour by developing models. Emphasis on the everyday applications and policy implications of economics makes this more than a pure theory course.

Mathematical and graphical analysis will routinely be used in class. There is no calculus requirement for this course but Mathematics 249 or 251 is a prerequisite for the following course, Economics 357 (Intermediate Economic Theory ? Microeconomics II).

Class attendance is not mandatory. However, students are responsible for all material covered in lectures. The textbook and lectures are complements, not substitutes for each other.

Assignment 1 10% **Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

Midterm Exam	30%
Assignment 2	10%
Assignment 3	10%
Final Exam	40% (2 hours ? Scheduled by Registrar)

There will be no make-up or deferred examinations. Students may not write examinations early. If a student has legitimate reason for missing an exam (e.g., documented illness, family emergency or religious observance), then the weight of the missed exam is shifted to the final exam; otherwise a grade of zero is assigned.

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	77-81	C-	61-65
A	90-96	B-	74-76	D+	57-60
A-	87-89	C+	71-73	D	50-56
B+	82-86	C	66-70	F	0-49

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.

Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting 2 hours.

Tests and exams MAY involve multiple choice questions.

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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 two weeks of the work being returned to the class.
- Students should be aware of the importance of appropriate sequencing of their courses to meet all the graduation requirements, especially in the Honours program. Honours students should complete Math 249 or 251, and Math 211 no later than the second year. This is very important because these courses are prerequisites for Econ 387/389, which in turn are prerequisites for Econ 557/559. Also Stat 213 should be completed no later than the third year because it is a prerequisite for Econ 315, which in turn is a prerequisite for Econ 419. We suggest that you consult the Calendar and the Department of Economics website: www.econ.ucalgary.ca . If you still need help you should speak with a Student Advisor in the Economics Department.

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