# Department of Economics Course Outline



Term: Winter 2008

**Course:** Economics 357 **Section:** 01

Intermediate Economic Theory

Microeconomics II

**Time:** MWF 12:00 – 12:50 **Place:** ST 127 (subject to change)

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**Hours:** 

## **Textbook(s):**

Required: Eaton, B. Curtis, Diane F. Eaton and Douglas W. Allen, 2005. Microeconomics:

Theory with Applications, 6th Edition. Toronto: Pearson Education. ISBN: 0-13-

121790-9.

and Recommended:

Devlin, Rose Anne and Nancy T Gallini, 2005. *Problem Solving in Microeconomics: A Study Guide for Microeconomics: Theory with Applications, Eaton, Eaton and Allen, Sixth Edition*. Toronto: Pearson Education. ISBN: 0-13-123925-2.

#### **Book(s) on Reserve:**

A list of specific topics and required readings will be provided in the first week of lectures, including a list of books on reserve.

### **Course Content:**

The course will examine extensions of microeconomic topics such as factor markets, general equilibrium, and welfare economics.

## **Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

The final grade that each student receives will be based on the following weighting scheme:

Assignments (3)	30%
Midterm Examinations (two)	30%
Final Examination	40%
	100%

## (a) <u>Assignments</u>

There will be three assignments, each of which is to be submitted at the *beginning* of class on the date due. In exceptional cases they may be handed in *before* that date to the instructor personally. Answers to assignments will be discussed in class shortly after each assignment falls due. For this reason late assignments will be given a score of zero, although you may still wish to have the work corrected and returned without a score being recorded.

Students are encouraged to discuss the assignments with their classmates, but each must write up his or her own answers. Copying or misrepresenting someone else's work as your own is a serious offence which will *not* be tolerated. Your attention is directed to the "Statement of Intellectual Honesty" on page 53 of the 2007-2008 Calendar.

#### (b) Examinations

The midterm examinations will be held in class on dates to be announced. The Final Examination will be scheduled by the Registrar and will last two hours. It will be a comprehensive examination of all material covered in the course. All examinations will be closed-book. Students will *not* be allowed the use of calculators or other aids during any examination.

Deferred examinations will not be given *except in the case of the Final Examination*, where this possibility is provided for in the university's Academic Regulations. Examinations will not be given *before* the indicated examination date. For further information see pages 42 and 46 of the 2007/2008 Calendar.

### (c) Course Grades

A numerical score will be determined for each item of work submitted and a final (weighted) percentage score will be determined. A course letter grade will be assigned based upon the following conversion chart for final percentage scores:

A+	90 - 100	В	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 89	B-	70 - 72	D+	57 – 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 56
B+	77 – 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using this 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 represent student achievement more fairly.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is <u>not</u> required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (including the midterm exams) should discuss their work with the instructor *within fifteen days* of it being returned to class. Re-graded work stands an equal chance of having a higher or lower score assigned. Any term work which is *not returned* during regular class time may be collected from the instructor during office hours.

#### (d) Academic Accommodations:

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

I welcome any comments you may have about the course during the term. When something is not clear during a lecture, do not hesitate to ask questions or to come see me during office hours.

#### **Other Resources:**

Students' Union Vice-President Academic:

Brittany Sargent Phone: 220-3911

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Students' Union Faculty Representative (Social Sciences)

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Phone: 220-3913 Office: MSC 251 E-mail socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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

www.ucalgary.ca/sue/

Blackboard: This course will make use of Blackboard – students who are registered in the course can log on at <a href="http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/">http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/</a>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 220-5333

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