



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2012
Course:	Economics 201 [Principles of Microeconomics]	Section:	02
Time:	MWF 11:00 - 11:50	Place:	KNB 132
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Textbook(s):

Required: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 5th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Study Guide + Aplia Access Kit

OR

Aplia Access Kit for Mankiw et al (see above) with online version of textbook

Book(s) on Reserve: none

Blackboard:

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

Please note that Blackboard features a class email-list that will be used. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the email address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary email address.

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 7-11
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:

6 assignments (best 5 counted, 4% each)	20%
Midterm Examination	30%
Final Examination	50%

Assignments and Practice Problems:

1. In order to complete assignments in this course, you will be required to access the Apla website at <http://econ.aplia.com>. Please register on the website within the first week of classes.
2. All assignments will be due at 10:00 PM on the due date. Due dates for assignments will be discussed and posted on Blackboard during the first week of classes. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments cannot be accepted by Apla. Please note that many of the assignments have multiple parts to them, all of which must be completed by the time noted.
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 5 assignments of the 6 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. 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 – again, given that one of the assignments will not count toward your final mark, technical problems will typically not justify shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.**
4. **Emails regarding Apla should be directed towards the providers of Apla. 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.
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. >75% of the final will cover Chapters 9 – 11, 13 - 17).
4. **A non-programmable calculator may be used in the examinations.**

- 5. No deferred midterm will be given. In case of documented illness or family emergency, the extra weight will be shifted to the final examination. The Instructor should be notified in advance if a student will be unable to write a midterm. In any case, documentation must be provided as soon as possible (within a day or so of the missed midterm).**

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	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	00-49

Part marks of 0.5 or above will be rounded up; those below 0.5 will be rounded down.

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

Notes:

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.

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

www.ucalgary.ca/sue

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. Join now by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us 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 in their new space 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 at 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: MacEwan Student Centre – North Courtyard

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