

## Economics 201(L01) (Principles of Microeconomics)

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Lecture Location: **SA 104**  
Lecture Days/Time: **MW 18:00 - 20:45**

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Office Hours: **By Appointments via Email**

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### Course Description:

The focus of this course is to teach the basics and fundamentals of microeconomic theory. It will teach students the principles of consumption and production in a market economy.

### Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

This course will help students to understand basic economic theories and apply them to issues in their everyday lives. It will also prepare students to take more advanced courses in economics.

### Course Outline:

(Some of the topics listed below may be deleted depending on time constraints.)

Jul 4	Ten Principles of Economics	Chapter 1
Jul 9	Thinking Like an Economist; Gain from Trade	Chapter 2 & 3
Jul 11	Supply and Demand	Chapter 4
Jul 16	Elasticity	Chapter 5
Jul 18	Government Policies; Efficiency of Markets	Chapter 6 & 7
Jul 23	The Costs of Taxation	Chapter 8
Jul 25	International Trade	Chapter 9
Jul 30	Externality	Chapter 10
Aug 1	Public Good; Competitive Market	Chapter 11 & 14
Aug 6	Competitive Market (remaining); Monopoly	Chapter 14 & 15
Aug 8	Monopolistic Competition; Oligopoly	Chapter 16 & 17
Aug 13	Factor of Production; Earning and Discrimination	Chapter 18 & 19
Aug 15	Frontiers of Microeconomics	Chapter 22

### Prerequisites/corequisites:

None.

### Required Textbook(s):

Mankiw et al. Principles of Microeconomics, 7th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson + MindtapKit.

### Digital Only Alternative:

Mankiw et al MindTap Access Code (includes e-book, chapter roadmap videos, problem walk through tutorials, flashcards, practice quizzes, Aplia homework).

Limited access to just the Aplia homework quizzes can be made available only in the campus labs if you are not purchasing MindTap.

**Tutorials:**

Students are expected to attend the weekly tutorial section to which they have been assigned. During the tutorial section the TA will discuss pre-assigned questions/material relevant to the course.

**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> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

**Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

Requirements	Date	Grade
Assignments (Best 4 will be counted):		20%
Assignment 1 (Ch 1,2,3)	Jul 16	
Assignment 2 (Ch 4,5)	Jul 23	
Assignment 3 (Ch 6,7,8)	Jul 30	
Assignment 4 (Ch 9,10,11)	Aug 8	
Assignment 5 (Ch 14,15,16,17)	Aug 15	
Midterm	Jul 30	30%
Final exam	TBA	50%
		100%

*Grading Scale*

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

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

As per the Writing Across the Curriculum Statement in the Calendar, writing and grading thereof will be a factor in the evaluation of student work.

Any student work which remains undistributed after the last day of classes will be available to students through the instructor's office during his office hours.

**Assignments:**

1. Assignments will be done in Mindtap/Aplia.
2. All assignments will be due at 18:00 (before the class) on the due date. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless there is a good reason for that and the instructor is contacted ahead of time. Furthermore, technical problems can be expected to sometimes occur with computer systems and internet availability, so it is in your best interests not to 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 covered in a particular assignment will typically be covered in class one week before the assignment is due and assignments can be done at any time prior to the due date.
4. Students are free to complete material in Mindtap that pertains to topics covered in lectures. Emails regarding Mindtap should be directed towards the providers of Mindtap. I am unable to help with computer issues.

**Examinations:**

1. The midterm and final exams WILL consist of the multiple-choice questions.
2. Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the midterm and final exams.
3. The midterm examinations will be held in class, lasting 75 minutes and will cover chapters 1 – 8.
4. The final examination will be comprehensive, scheduled by the Registrar, held in a classroom, and last 2 hours.
5. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam [www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred\\_final](http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final). Under no circumstance will this be accommodated by the Department.
6. THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED MIDTERM under any circumstances, nor may the midterm be written early. Students unable to write the midterm because of documented illness, family emergency, religious observance, or university-sanctioned event will have the weight shifted to the final examination; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned.

**Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:**

*For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar I.2*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

*For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar I.3*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

*Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty, see Calendar K.4*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-4.html>

*Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct, , see Calendar K.5*

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

**Academic Accommodations:**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

**Important Dates:**

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

**Student Organizations:**

Faculty of Arts Students' Association (F.A.S.A.):

Economics Department Representative

Office: SS 803, E-mail: [econrep@fasaucalgary.ca](mailto:econrep@fasaucalgary.ca) and Web: [www.fasaucalgary.ca](http://www.fasaucalgary.ca).

**Society of Undergraduates in Economics:**

<https://www.ucalgarysue.com/>.

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students to succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career events such as Industry Night and information sessions, mentorship programs, and social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting SUE at [societyofundergradsineconomics@gmail.com](mailto:societyofundergradsineconomics@gmail.com).

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre 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](mailto: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, including program planning and advice.
- 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://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>.

**Evacuation Assembly Point:**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The assembly point for this classroom is Social Science - Food Court.

**Safewalk:**

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. **Call 403-220-5333.**

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:**

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.

**Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:**

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note-taking only.