



Department of Economics Course Outline

	Term: Fall 2009
Course: Economics 301 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	Section: 03
Time: TR 14:00-15:15	Place: SA 104
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Textbook(s):

Intermediate Microeconomics 7th Edition, Hal Varian, 2006, New York: W.W. Norton.

Book(s) on Reserve:

Becker and Becker, *The Economics of Life*, McGraw Hill.

Besanko, *Microeconomics*, Wiley.

Eaton, Eaton and Allen, *Microeconomics*, Prentice Hall.

Miller et al, *The Economics of Public Issues*, Addison.

Pindyck and Rubinfeld, *Microeconomics*, Prentice Hall.

Thomas, *Micro-Economic Applications*, Wadsworth.

Varian, *Intermediate Microeconomics*, Norton.

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This is a course in microeconomic theory in which we will be focusing on understanding individual decision-making. We will focus on the decisions of individual consumers and firms and characterize their interactions through markets. Tentatively, we will be following the following outline:

Week	Topic	Chapters
Sept. 7th	Introductory Material	1
Sept 14th	Budget, Preferences	2, 3
Sept. 21st	Utility, Choice, Preferences	4, 5
Sept. 28th	Demand, Buying & Selling	6, 7
Oct. 5th	Price and Income Effects	8, 9
Oct. 12th	Consumer Surplus	14
Oct. 19th	Midterm	
Oct. 26th	Technology, Cost, Profit	18, 21
Nov. 2nd	Profit Max, Cost Min	19, 20, 26
Nov. 9th	Firm Supply and Demand	15, 22
Nov. 16th	Competitive Markets	23, 31, 32
Dec. 7th	Review	

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Grades will be based on your performance on a midterm exam (30%), a final exam (40%; scheduled by the registrar), and assignments (approximately four assignments, 30% total).

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	83-86	C-	70-72
A	93-96	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	C+	77-79	D	60-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	F	0-59

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 will not 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 fifteen days of the work being returned to the class.
- 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 403-220-8237. 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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