



Department of Economics Course Outline

	Term: Winter 2012
Course: Economics 301 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	Section: 01
Time: TR 14:00-15:15	Place: ICT 114
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Textbook(s):

Intermediate Microeconomics 8th Edition, Hal Varian, 2010, New York: W.W. Norton

Book(s) on Reserve:

None; additional materials will be made available on Blackboard.

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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.

Dates	Topic	Chapters
Jan. 10-12	Overview of Microeconomic Analysis	1
Jan. 17-19	The Budget Constraint and Preferences	2, 3
Jan. 24-26	Utility and Choice	4, 5
Jan. 31-Feb. 7	Demand, Revealed Preference	6, 7
Feb. 9-14	Slutsky Equation, Buying and Selling	8, 9
Feb. 16-28	Consumer's Surplus	14
Mar. 1	Midterm	
March 6-13	Technology, Cost Minimization	18, 20, 21
March 15-20	Profit Max, Factor Markets	19
March 22-27	Firm Supply, Industry Supply and Market Demand	22, 23, 15
March 29-April 3	Competitive Market Equilibrium	16
April 5-10	Market Failures	Parts of 24, 27, 34
April 12	Review	

There will be three assignments. One will be before the first midterm, and two will be between the midterm and the final exam.

There is a tutorial for this course: Tutorial 1: R 17:00-17:50 in ICT 116. Tutorial questions will be made available on Blackboard.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Assignments (three)	30%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	40%

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+	95-100	B	77-81	C-	61-65
A	90-94	B-	74-76	D+	57-60
A-	87-89	C+	71-73	D	51-56
B+	82-86	C	66-70	F	0-50

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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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.

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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Emergency Assembly Location – Social Sciences Food Court
