

**Econ 204 - MICROECONOMICS
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Course Description:

The goal of this course is to investigate the theory and applications of microeconomics at an intermediate level. We will model economic activities as an interaction of individual economic agents pursuing their private interests under some resource constraints. We will also analyze the behavior of consumers, workers, business firms, and any other individual or entity that plays role in the functioning of the economy. We will rigorously analyze the behavior of consumers (demand side), the firm (supply side), price and output determination in competitive and imperfectly-competitive markets. Analyses and tools presented in this course are essential for upper-level economics courses.

Suggested Textbook: Robert H. Frank, *Microeconomics and Behavior*, McGraw Hill, 8th edition, 2010. (copies are available at the bookstore)

Homer Bookstore sales link:
<https://www.homerbooks.com/urun/microeconomics-and-behavior>

Course Outline:

Introduction

2 Supply and Demand

The Theory of Consumer Behavior

3 Rational Consumer Choice

4 Individual and Market Demand

5 Applications of Rational Choice and Demand Theories

6 The Economics of Information and Choice under Uncertainty

7 Explaining Tastes: Altruism and Other Nonegoistic Behavior
8 Cognitive Limitations and Consumer Behavior

Theory of the Firm and Market Structure

9 Production
10 Costs
11 Perfect Competition
12 Monopoly

Externalities, Public Goods, and Welfare

16 Externalities, Property Rights, and Coase Theorem
17 Government

Grading:

Quizzes: There will be 4 one-hour quizzes. Quizzes are not cumulative. Each quiz counts for 15 percent of your overall grade. Make-up quizzes will be given **after** the final exam. There will be one make-up quiz, which will count as the grade of all your missed quizzes. So if you miss one quiz or 4 quizzes, you will take one make-up quiz and that will replace the zeros of all your missed quizzes. Quiz dates will be announced one week before the exam date. **Please note that the quizzes will be live and during the one hour lectures of our weekly schedule.** Please arrange your schedules accordingly.

Final There will be one **cumulative** final exam during the final exam week and the date will be announced by the university. The final constitute 40% of your overall grade. The make-up exam for the final will be given 4 days after the announced final exam date by the university.

The course grade is solely based on the grading scheme stated on the syllabus. There will be no exceptions to this (like doing additional assignments, writing a term paper etc.)

Homework: Homework assignments will be posted on SuCoursePLUS. They won't be graded but will be solved during the recitation hour. So it will be at your interest to work on each homework set before each recitation.

Rules of conduct : This is an online course that will be taught as synchronous-live sessions during the scheduled class hour. Every session will be recorded and uploaded on SuCourse PLUS. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to go over the course material.

Course Requirements and Rules of Conduct

Attendance: Attendance is crucial in order for you to learn the course material.

Communication: All class announcements, grades and problem sets will be announced on SuCoursePLUS.

Academic Integrity: Receiving help from another student on an exam, giving help to another student on an exam, tampering with a graded exam, presenting another student's work as your own, and lying to the instructor, are all violations of academic honesty. In this course the penalty for cheating on an exam or homework assignment will be a grade of F in the course. All incidents of scholastic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean's Office.

Valid Excuses: In case of an illness, you are required to bring a formal doctor's note from a hospital. Reports that are approved by the health center considered as valid health excuses. If the doctor's note is **not** approved by the health center, you are **not** eligible to take the make up exam.