ECON 2010 020: Principles of Microeconomics

HALE 270 on MWF 2:00-2:50 PM

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Office Hours: Tuesday 2:15 3:30 PM, Wednesday 3:00 4:15 PM, & by appointment

Websites: Desire2Learn (D2L; for course information)

Aplia (for online homework)

Course Prerequisites: Officially no prerequisites are required, but you should have a good handle on and graphing (i.e. drawing lines, locating points, and solving for areas of triangles and rectangles)

Required Textbook: N. Gregory Mankiw;

Course Description & Objective:

Economics is the study of decision making and its effects on the decision maker and others. In microeconomics, we focus on how people and firms make decisions based on a limited supply of time, money, information, and other resources. Since there are not an infinite amount of resources, it is important to understand how a person or firm can find the right balance and make the best decision.

Any material covered in lectures, recitations, or in homework are fair game for the exams.

Please bring a pencil, student ID number (the one on myCUinfo, NOT on your student ID), and a calculator. Graphing calculators are fine for the exams, but cell phones or any other electronic device may not be used!

Regarding final exams, if you have 3 or more final exams on that day, please let me know as soon as possible (before October 1st) so I can help reschedule the final exam for you. Upon this request, I will ask for proof that you have 3 or more final exams. I will ask for this proof again after the withdrawal deadline towards the end of the semester to verify you didn t drop one of the courses.

Regarding Cheating on the exams: The Department of Economics do not tolerate cheating in any fashion. If I or the TAs catch you cheating, that exam will be a ZERO. In addition, I will notify the Economics Department of any cheating and will also notify the Honor Code. If the Honor Code committee feels there was cheating involved, you will receive an XE as your grade, which indicates you failed because of academic dishonesty. Even if you drop the course, I will change your grade from a W to an XE if the Honor Code committee felt cheating was involved.

Email Policy:

There are 150+ in the class. I and the TAs may have a tough time responding to every email. Therefore, any questions that can be answered in the syllabus, on D2L, or in any of my previous emails will NOT be responded to don't take it personally, just know to read the syllabus and check the course website before asking a question. In addition, please do not ask an unrelated question if I email the class about something else. If you will like a response to your email, please compose a new email, not reply to a class email. By FERPA, I nor the TAs may discuss personal grades via email. Please visit office hours for that discussion.

Classroom Behavior:

In lecture and in recitations, just be kind and respectful. Please refrain from cell phone usage and visiting websites not related to the course (Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, Imgur, etc.). Please refrain from excessively talking to your neighbor/friends during class. You came to class to learn the material, it s only 50 minutes for the lectures and recitations. Please be courteous to your instructors and other students in the class. As we II learn later in this course, classroom disruption is a negative externality.

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