

# Syllabus: Economics 100C

## Winter 2010, Section B00

January 5, 2010

### Times and Places

Lecture:	TuTh 5:00-6:20pm	Center 113
Section A01:	W 6:00-6:50pm	CSB 001
Section A02:	W 7:00-7:50pm	CSB 001
Section B01:	M 7:00-7:50pm	Center 109
Section B02:	M 8:00-8:50pm	Center 109

Lectures will also be podcast and made available at <http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>. You are welcome to attend TA sections for either section A00 or B00 of the course. One important caveat: because Section A00 loses two Mondays to holidays, Prof. Cullen will be using discussion section A01 (and possibly A02) for make-up lectures on the following dates: 13 January, 20 January, 10 February, and 17 February. You are welcome to attend on these dates but may find the material less novel.

### Contact Information

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You are welcome to attend office hours for any of the four TAs. Please use the official course email address, [econ100c@gmail.com](mailto:econ100c@gmail.com), for correspondence about course content to ensure your questions are answered promptly. This address is shared with Section A00 so please note your section in all your correspondence. You can also communicate with us and other students through the discussion board on WebCT.

## Content

This course is the third of three courses in microeconomics and will build on the material presented in Economics 100A and 100B. You need to have taken the prerequisite courses listed in the UCSD catalog. The topics covered include imperfect competition, imperfect information, externalities and public goods. The course emphasizes mathematical analysis in developing the theory, but will also discuss real-world applications to demonstrate the usefulness and importance of the theory.

The required text is *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus* (Perloff). You are responsible for the material in the assigned parts of the text. A companion website for the text is available at [http://wps.aw.com/aw\\_perloff\\_microcalc\\_1/](http://wps.aw.com/aw_perloff_microcalc_1/) and has useful study material and interesting applications and extensions. We will cover the following topics:

1. Review of Perfect Competition (Chapters 3-5, 8-10)
2. Monopoly (Chapter 11)
3. Pricing Strategies (Chapter 12)
4. Game Theory (Chapter 14)
5. Oligopoly (Chapter 13)
6. Externalities and Public Goods (Chapter 17)
7. Economics of Information Chapters (18 & 19)

## Evaluation

There will be two exams: one midterm and one final. The midterm will be worth 40% of your grade. The final is cumulative and is worth 60% of your grade. The midterm and final exams are scheduled (as listed on the UCSD course schedule) for the following dates and will not be offered at any alternative times:

- Midterm exam: 2 February, in class
- Final exam: 18 March, 7:00-10:00am, LOCATION TBA

Note: If you miss the midterm for a documented, university approved reason (i.e., illness), then the final will count for 100% of your grade. If you miss the midterm for another reason, you will receive a zero. No one will be allowed to start an exam after the first person leaves it. You will not be graded on attendance but of course are responsible for the announcements made and material presented during lecture.

## Practice Problem Sets and TA Sections

Practice problem sets will be assigned approximately weekly. They will not be graded and you do not need to turn them in. However, you are strongly urged to take them seriously and attempt all assigned problems. The exams will require that you can solve a variety of analytical problems in a limited amount of time. The best way to succeed in this class is to thoroughly practice solving problems, as well as to read the textbook and review the lecture notes and examples given in class.

The TAs will answer questions and go over solutions to the problem sets during their weekly discussion sections (and solutions will be posted following the weekly sections). It is important that you attend one (or both) of these sections, and attendance will benefit you the most if you have already attempted the problems on your own first.

You are welcome to attend TA discussion sections for either section A or B of the course. In some weeks the content will be identical. However, because section A will lose two Mondays to holidays, there will be weeks in which A's discussion sections are used to make up missed lectures, and other weeks in which they are either ahead of or behind the material being covered in B. The topics for each discussion section meeting will be posted on WebCT for your information.

## Administrative Issues

1. If you choose to use a laptop to take notes during the lecture, you must sit in the back row. No other use of electronic devices is allowed during class.
2. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245. The university does not allow late additions (additions after the second week) to any class.
3. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition to this academic sanction, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will also impose a disciplinary penalty. For UCSD policy, please see <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>.
4. You will only need a pen or pencil for exams. You will be provided with paper and do not need to bring bluebooks. Exams are closed-book, closed-notes and you will not be allowed to use calculators. Also, if you use a pencil for your exam, you will not be able to request a re-grade.
5. Regrade requests are only permitted if you took the entire exam in pen. If you believe that an exam has not been properly graded, you must first discuss this with a TA for the course. If after talking to the TA, you would like to have your exam regraded, you must submit a regrade request to me within 7 days from when exams were first returned to the class. You must explain clearly in writing why you believe your score is in error. If you request a regrade, I may regrade your entire exam and your score could go up or down.