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ECON 2: Elements of Economics II

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Text/Readings

• Required Text: Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, Third Edition, McGraw-Hill Irwin 2006 (FB)

Course Description

This course is the continuation of Econ 1. We will start from where that course finished. After a brief review of Econ 1, we will discuss topics on imperfect competition (monopoly and oligopoly), economics of information, public economics, environmental and health economics, and international economics.

Grading

Homework (approx. 8): 10%
Midterms (2): 25% each
Final: 40%

Homework will not be graded, so you will get 10% of the credit by just turning it in. You are welcome to work in groups, however each person is required to hand in a separate paper to obtain credit. Solutions for each problem set will be provided at the course's web site. It is very important that you work on the problem sets and understand them, since they are the best preparation for the exams.

The midterms will be in lecture time on Monday, Oct. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 8. There will be no makeup exams. If you have to miss a midterm for a medical or another University approved reason, the weight will be allocated to the remaining exams.

Teaching Assistants

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Sections

There will be weakly sections for the class. The TAs will go over the HW in detail in sections, so it is highly recommended that you attend.

COURSE OUTLINE

PART I: Review

Topic 1: Review of Econ 1

FB, Chapter 7

PART II: Market Imperfections

Topic 2: Monopoly

FB, Chapter 10

Topic 3: Oligopoly

FB, Chapter 11

Topic 4: Externalities

FB, Chapter 12

Topic 5: Economics of Information

FB, Chapter 13

PART III: Public Economics

Topic 6: Labor Markets, Poverty and Income Distribution

FB, Chapter 14

Topic 7: Environmental and Health Economics

FB, Chapter 15

Topic 8: Public Goods and Tax Policy

FB, Chapter 16

PART IV: International Economics

Topic 9: International Trade

FB, Chapter 9

Topic 10: Open Economy Economics

FB, Chapter 30