Economics 100B Syllabus Intermediate Microeconomics: Production, Costs, Supply and Competitive Markets UCSD Fall 2012, Tang, Section A00

Times and Places

Lectures: MWF 4-4:50p Peterson 110

Discussion Sections: W 7-7:50pm Warren Lecture Hall 2001

W 8-8:50pm Warren Lecture Hall 2001

Brief Course Description

This course is the second of three courses in intermediate microeconomics. We study firm behavior and market outcomes under the assumptions of perfect competition.

Required Textbook

Nechyba, Thomas J. (2011) *Microeconomics: An Intuitive Approach with Calculus* Course Website

I will post announcements, notes, practice problem sets (not collected), practice exams, and grades on our course website at Ted. http://ted.ucsd.edu Please use the course email address econ100b.ucsd@gmail.com to ask questions about course content.

Office Hours/Contact Information

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Evaluation

There will be three exams: two midterms and one final exam. Each midterm will be worth 25% of your grade and the final will be worth 50% of your grade. Midterms will cover incremental material, while the final exam will be cumulative, but will place a heavier emphasis on material from the last third of the course. The final weighted points earned in the course will be curved in the assignment of letter grades.

Midterm 1: Friday 10/19/12 4-4:50p Midterm 2: Friday 11/16/12 4-4:50p Final Exam: Tuesday 12/11/12 3-6p

Policies

Exam dates are not negotiable. If you miss a midterm because of documented illness or other university approved reason, then the remaining midterm will count for 33% of your grade and the final exam will count for 67%. If you miss a midterm for any other reason, you will receive a score of zero on that midterm. There are no acceptable reasons for missing the final-- if you miss the final, you will receive a failing grade for the course. Exams are closed-book, closed-notes and you will not be allowed to use calculators. If you believe that an exam has not been properly graded, you must discuss this with the TA whom graded the relevant part of the exam within two weeks of when exams were first returned to class. A random subset of graded exams will be photocopied, and altering an exam after we have handed them back will be considered academic misconduct. Any student found guilty of academic misconduct will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition to this academic sanction, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will impose a disciplinary penalty.

Econ 100B: Topic Outline

Preliminary and Subject to Change

Topic	Chapters in
	Textbook
Firms and Production	11, 12
Theory of Costs	11, 12
Competitive Firms	11, 12, 13
Factor Demands	11, 13, 14
Competitive Equilibrium	14
Welfare and Efficiency	15
General Equilibrium	16