

## ECON 100B -- SYLLABUS (FALL 2012)

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Teaching Staff and Consultation Hours			
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### Course Information

- Course Title: MICROECONOMICS B [n = 120]
  - Lecture B00 (754851) – MWF, 11 - 11<sup>50</sup> am, CSB 001
  - Section B01 – T, 7 - 8 pm, CENTER 113
  - Section B02 – T, 8 - 9 pm, CENTER 113
- Description: production technology and costs; optimal output and resource employment decisions; perfectly competitive input and output markets; welfare economics
- Prerequisite: Econ 100A or 170A

### Books, Webpage, and Materials

- Nechyba, *Microeconomics* (2011). [Custom edition with Aplia, Bookstore]
- Course webpage: <http://Ted.ucsd.edu>
- Math tutorial: <http://www.economics.utoronto.ca/osborne/MathTutorial/index.html>
- Basic econ review: <http://www.introecon.com>
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### Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o “W” thru F, 26 OCT; drop w/o “F” thru F, 30 NOV
- Holidays: Monday, 12 NOV (Veteran’s Day); Thursday-Friday 22-23 NOV (Thanksgiving)
- Midterm: Friday, 2 NOV (in class)
- Final: Tuesday, 11 DEC, 11<sup>30</sup> - 2<sup>30</sup> pm, in CSB 001 or REC GYM

### Examinations and Grading

- Exams are closed book and notes. A calculator is required.
- Midterm = 100 points; comprehensive (cumulative) final = 300. *Aplia* homework is for practice only. Course grade will be curved, in line with econ department norms.
- Regrade period is 1 week after midterm papers first returned in class.
- No bathroom breaks during midterms. One person at a time during finals; you will be escorted by a TA, with whom you will leave your exam paper.
- If you arrive late to an exam, I allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in an exam and left the room*. Once a classmate has turned in an exam, you will not be allowed to begin the exam and will get a zero.
- No rescheduled or make-up exams. You MUST take the final with the rest of the class on schedule during finals week. (Make travel/wedding plans accordingly; if you are going to have too many finals on one day, drop one course.) If you miss the midterm for a verifiable medical, legal or sports reason, your midterm grade will be your grade on the final. Notify me promptly that you will miss the midterm or you will get a zero. Unexcused absences also result in zero.

Course Outline and Reading List -- Nechyba		
Top 7	PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY	Ch. 11 (§A1, B1); Ch. 12 (§A1-2, B1)
Top 8	COSTS OF PRODUCTION	Finish Ch. 11-12
Top 9	PROFIT MAXIMIZATION	Ch. 13
Top 10	FACTOR MARKETS	Ch. 14
Top 11	GEN. EQUIL. & WELFARE II	Ch. 15 - 16

### Study Tips

- Attend class and take notes. My lecture notes will not be posted on-line.
- Do the “End-of-Chapter Exercises” in Nechyba, and practice problems in *Aplia*. I do not have any old exams to share with you. The TAs will go over solutions in discussion sections

### My Pet Peeves

- My view of grades is that they certify attainment of a certain level of competence and expertise in a subject or technique. They are NOT a reward for effort, but rather for achievement. I am horribly offended when students beg me to raise a grade because they “need” a better mark. I do not honor such requests.
- I give multiple versions of tests several times each year. If you have the right answer for the wrong version, I will withhold your grade until AIC has resolved the issue.
- A lot of cheating takes place during the last few minutes of an exam, when papers are handed in. In Spring 2010, 4 students handed in their midterms after I declared “pencils down,” and 3 of them subsequently got caught cheating on the final. If you don’t hand your exam in when I call “Time,” I will reduce your score by half.
- In Fall 2011, a lot of cheating by students purportedly on “bathroom break” was reported. You may not leave the room in during a midterm, and will be escorted by a TA during a final.