

## Economics 100B – Spring 2002

### Microeconomics

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### Course Description

This course will build upon the foundations set in Economics 100A. We will cover a broad range of topics, but will always return to the basic principles of economic theory. This class will cover monopoly and oligopoly behavior, price-setting strategies, game theory, and general equilibrium theory. Each topic is designed to introduce you to the complexity of economic decision-making in the real world.

### Prerequisites

The prerequisite for Economics 100B is Economics 100A.

### Texts

The required text for this class is Microeconomics, Fifth Edition by Robert S. Pindyck and Daniel L. Rubinfeld. The study guide by Valerie Suslow and Jonathan Hamilton is not required **but strongly recommended**. This study guide contains hundreds of questions and problems (with answers) that will prove helpful in learning to solve microeconomic problems. Students in previous classes have raved about this study guide.

### Course Readings

We will be covering chapters 5, 10-13, and 16 in Pindyck and Rubinfeld. The pace will be very rapid, so you are encouraged to read the required chapters ahead of each lecture. You are also encouraged to review the basics of consumer theory and producer theory in chapters 4, and 6-8 during the first week of class.

### Attendance

Class attendance is an individual student responsibility. Although daily attendance is not recorded, the lectures will be more mathematical than the text, and I will frequently provide examples during lectures that don't appear in the textbook but are fair game for examination. Thus, frequent absences may adversely impact performance.

### Practice Problems

Review questions and practice problems for each chapter are posted on the class website. You are encouraged to work through these problems with your classmates since you will see similar problems on exams. These problems will not be collected and will not be graded.



## Examinations

Two midterm exams and one final exam will be given in this section. The midterm exams will be given during class time in **Mandeville Auditorium** on **April 23, 2002** and **May 16, 2002**. The final exam will be given in **HSS 2250** on **June 13, 2002** from 3-6 p.m. All three exams will be comprised of analytical problems and multiple-choice questions. No calculators, study aids, or notes will be allowed in the exam.

Midterm exams will be administered at the beginning of the class and will last exactly eighty (80) minutes. Students who arrive late will not receive extra time to complete their exam.

The final exam will last exactly three (3) hours. Once a student completes the exam, then no other student will be permitted to start the exam.

All exams must be given at the scheduled time and place.

## Statement of Academic Integrity

Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Academic Integrity published in the UCSD General Catalog. Cheating will not be tolerated, and any student who engages in suspicious conduct will be confronted and subjected to the disciplinary process. Cheaters will receive a failing grade on the assignment or the exam and/or in the entire course. They may also be suspended from UCSD.

## Make-up Examinations

No make-up exams will be given in this class. Students who miss a midterm exam without a university accepted excuse will receive a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam. Students who miss a midterm with a university accepted excuse will have the weight of the final exam increased accordingly. You must take the final exam to receive a grade in this course.

Excuses for missed exams must be pre-approved by the instructor (except when this is not possible in an **emergency** situation). Students who make initial contact after the exam will have to document why they could not make contact prior to the exam. In addition, any student who misses an exam due to physical illness will be required to provide documentation from a health care professional indicating why the student was physically unable to take the exam. All documentation and an additional signed written statement explaining the relevant circumstances of the absence must be provided to the instructor within two working days of the student's return to campus. Failure to comply with any of the above in the specified manner will result in a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam.

## Grading

Numerical grades will be assigned as follows:

Midterm I	=	20%
Midterm II	=	30%
Final Exam	=	50%
Total	=	100%

Letter grades will be allocated using the following breakdown:

Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-
Numerical Range	86%-100%	80%-85%	75%-79%	70%-74%	65%-69%
Letter	C+	C	C-	D	F
Numerical Range	60%-64%	55%-59%	50%-54%	40%-49%	0%-39%



### Class Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
April	02	10
	04	10
	09	10
	11	11
	16	11
	18	11
	23	<b>Midterm I (Ch 10, 11)</b> <i>Held during class time in Mandeville Auditorium</i>
	25	12
	30	12
May	02	12
	07	13
	09	13
	14	13
	16	<b>Midterm II (Chs 10-12, 13)</b> <i>Held during class time in Mandeville Auditorium</i>
	21	16
	23	16
	28	16
June	30	05
	04	05
	06	05
	13	<b>Final Exam (Chs 5, 10-13, 16)</b> <i>Held from 3-6 p.m. in HSS 2250</i>