

ECONOMICS 100A: MICROECONOMICS, Spring 2004

Lecture: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8.00-8.50 am, CSB 002

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Text: *Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions* by Walter Nicholson (Eighth Edition, South-Western, 2002).

Course Description: In this course, we will follow a quantitative approach to examine problems involving consumers, firms and their interactions. The broad outline of the course is described as follows: [1] Consumer preferences: indifference curve, utility function (Chapter 3), [2] Consumer's problem: utility maximization (Chapter 4), [3] Demand curve and elasticity (Chapter 7), [4] Firm's problem: (a) cost curves (Chapter 12), (b) profit maximization under perfect competition (Chapter 13), [5] Imperfect competition: (a) monopoly (Chapter 18), [6] Game Theory (Chapter 10), [7] Imperfect competition: (b) oligopoly (Chapter 19).

Exams: There will be two midterms and a cumulative final. Dates are not negotiable and as a rule, no make-up exam will be given. If you must miss a midterm for a legitimate reason, you must notify me before the exam and receive permission from me. If you do receive permission, your final will be re-weighted appropriately.

Midterm 1: Wednesday, April 21, 8.00-8.50 am

Midterm 2: Monday, May 17, 8.00-8.50 am

Final: During the final exam week

Grades: Midterm 1: 30%, Midterm 2: 30%, Final: 40%