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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

Midterms (2): 30% each  
Final: 40%

The midterms will be in lecture time on Monday, April 23 and Monday, May 14. There will be **absolutely 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. In that case, you will need to provide a proof of your situation. The weights will not be reallocated under any other reason.

Please refer to tritonlink for the final exam time and location. All students must take the final exam at the scheduled date and time, so if you have any conflicts with other exams you are advised not to take this course (or the other courses that this course's exam conflicts with).

Midterm exams will not be cumulative, but the final exam will be. Midterm exams will be multiple choice only, whereas the final exam will have a multiple choice section and a short answers section.

### Homework

Homework will be assigned weekly but not collected. 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.

## Teaching Assistants

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## Sections

There will be weekly discussion sections for the class. The TAs will go over the HW in detail in sections, so it is very important that you attend. Please refer to tritonlink for times and locations.

## 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