

Welcome to Econ 2, Spring 2009!

Course Description

Econ 2 builds on the principles of microeconomics that you learned in Econ 1. In Econ 2, we analyze monopoly and other market imperfections and the role of government in addressing these imperfections.

Contact Information

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Discussion Sections

<i>Number</i>	<i>TA</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
650013 (A01)	Faridun Dadachanji	Mondays, 12-12:50 pm	Peterson Hall, Rm. 104
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Course Website

I will post announcements, lecture notes, practice problems, and grades on WebCT (<http://webct.ucsd.edu>). If you do not know how to log in to WebCT, please see <http://iwdc.ucsd.edu/password.shtml>.

Required Materials

The textbook for the course is Robert Frank and Ben Bernanke, *Principles of Economics*, 4th ed. (2009), available at the bookstore. Please see the schedule of assigned readings in the “Course Schedule,” below.

Assessments

We will calculate for each student one point total that puts a weight of 25% on the first exam, 25% on second exam, and 50% on the final. We will then calculate a second point total that puts a weight of 25% on the better of the first two exams and 75% on the final. The student’s grade will be based on the higher of the two numbers. There are no make-up exams—a missed exam automatically commits a student to the second option.

The only items allowed on your desk during tests are writing implements (pens and/or pencils, erasers) and the test itself. No calculators or scratch paper are allowed—they will not be necessary.

Course Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Mon Mar 30	Chapter 7—Efficiency and Exchange (review)
Wed Apr 1	Chapter 7 (continued)
Fri Apr 3	Chapter 7 (continued)
Mon Apr 6	Chapter 9—Monopoly, Oligopoly, and Monopolistic Competition
Wed Apr 8	Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Apr 10	Chapter 9 (continued)
Mon Apr 13	Chapter 9 (continued)
Wed Apr 15	Chapter 9 (continued)
Fri Apr 17	Exam 1 (covers chapters 7 and 9)
Mon Apr 20	Chapter 10—Games and Strategic Behavior
Wed Apr 22	Chapter 10 (continued)
Fri Apr 24	Chapter 10 (continued)
Mon Apr 27	Chapter 11—Externalities and Property Rights
Wed Apr 29	Chapter 11 (continued)
Fri May 1	Chapter 11 (continued)
Mon May 4	Chapter 12—Economics of Information
Wed May 6	Chapter 12 (continued)
Fri May 8	Chapter 12 (continued)
Mon May 11	Chapter 12 (continued)
Wed May 13	Chapter 13—Labor Markets, Poverty, and Income Distribution
Fri May 15	Exam 2 (covers chapters 10-12)
Mon May 18	Chapter 13 (continued)
Wed May 20	Chapter 13 (continued)
Fri May 22	Chapter 14—The Environment, Health, and Safety
Mon May 25	Memorial Day Holiday (no class or discussion section)
Wed May 27	Chapter 14 (continued)
Fri May 29	Chapter 14 (continued)
Mon Jun 1	Chapter 15—Public Goods and Tax Policy
Wed Jun 3	Chapter 15 (continued)
Fri Jun 5	Chapter 15 (continued)
Mon Jun 8	8-11 am: Final Exam (cumulative)

Regrade Policy

Midterm regrades must be submitted to me or to one of the TAs no earlier than one day after the midterm is returned to you and no later than one week after the midterm is returned to you. Please be aware that the entire exam—not just the problems you indicate—will be regraded, so your score may go up or down.

If an arithmetic error was made in calculating your score and you have no other dispute over the grading of your exam, please let me or one of the TAs know. In this case, any

errors in the calculation of your score will be corrected and the rest of your exam will not be regraded.

Practice Problems

Each week in discussion sections, the TA will solve practice problems that are similar to test questions. Students will not hand in the practice problems, but it is *strongly recommended* to work through the practice problems on your own or in groups before going to discussion section. Doing so is the best way to prepare for exams.

Academic Integrity

Integrity of scholarship is essential for an academic community. I take academic integrity very seriously, and will make every effort to reduce opportunities for academic misconduct and respond consistently to suspected academic misconduct. Please consult the “UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship” at <http://infopath-1.ucsd.edu/catalog/front/AcadRegu.html> for university policies regarding academic integrity.

Important Administrative Dates

- Apr 24: Deadline to change grading option, change units, and drop classes without "W" on transcript
- May 29: Deadline to drop without penalty of “F” grade