Econ 100C, Intermediate Microeconomics: Imperfect Competition, Strategy and Information

Syllabus Spring 2010 Section C00 (Prof. Forbes)

Lecture and Discussion Sections:

Lecture:	MWF 1:00-1:50 pm	Peters 110
Section C01:	M 7:00-7:50 pm	Solis 107
Section C02:	M 8:00-8:50 pm	Solis 107
Section B01:	W 7:00-7:50 pm	PCYNH 122
Section B02:	W 8:00-8:50 pm	PCYNH 122
Section A01:	F 1:00-1:50 pm	Center 214
Section A02:	F 2:00-2:50 pm	Center 214

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Textbook: Perloff, Jeffrey M., Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus,

Boston, MA: Pearson Education 2008.

(This is the same textbook which is used for 100A and 100B.)

Prerequisites: 100A and 100B, or approval of instructor.

This course is a continuation of Econ 100A and 100B and assumes familiarity with the topics taught in those courses.

Course Outline:

1.	Review of Perfect Competition and Efficiency	Chapters 8, 9
2.	Monopoly	Chapter 11
3.	Pricing and Advertising	Chapter 12
4.	Game Theory	Chapter 14
5.	Oligopoly	Chapter 13
6.	Externalities and Public Goods	Chapter 17
7.	Asymmetric Information	Chapter 18
8.	Contracts and Moral Hazard	Chapter 19

Exams and Final Grade:

Your course grade will be based on two midterms and a cumulative final exam. Each of the midterms counts 25%, the final exam counts 50%.

Midterm 1: Friday, April 16, in class

Midterm 2: Monday, May 10, in class

Final: June 10, 11:30am - 2:30 pm (check Blink for updates)

Note: If you miss the midterm for a documented, university approved reason (i.e., illness), then the final will count for 100% of your grade. If you miss the midterm for another reason, you will receive a zero. No one will be allowed to start an exam after the first person leaves it. You will not be graded on attendance but of course are responsible for the announcements made and material presented during lecture.

Practice Problem Sets and TA Sections:

Practice problem sets will be assigned approximately weekly. They will not be graded and you do not need to turn them in. However, you are strongly urged to take them seriously and attempt all assigned problems. The exams will require that you can solve a variety of analytical problems in a limited amount of time. The best way to succeed in this class is to thoroughly practice solving problems, as well as to read the textbook and review the lecture notes and examples given in class.

The TAs will answer questions and go over solutions to the problem sets during their weekly discussion sections (and solutions will be posted following the weekly sections). It is important that you attend one (or both) of these sections, and attendance will benefit you the most if you have already attempted the problems on your own first.

You are welcome to attend TA discussion sections for either section A, B or C of the course (you are registered for section C). The topics foreach discussion section meeting will be posted on WebCT for your information.

Administrative Issues:

- 1. If you choose to use a laptop to takes notes during the lecture, you must sit in the back row. No other use of electronic devices is allowed during class.
- 2. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245. The university does not allow late additions (additions after the second week) to any class.
- 3. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition to this academic sanction, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will also impose a disciplinary penalty. For UCSD policy, please see http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm.
- 4. You will only need a pen or pencil for exams. You will be provided with paper and do not need to bring bluebooks. Exams are closed-book, closed-notes and you will not be allowed to use calculators. Also, if you use a pencil for your exam, you will not be able to request a re-grade.
- 5. Regrade requests are only permitted if you took the entire exam in pen. If you believe that an exam has not been properly graded, you must first discuss this with a TA for the course. If after talking to the TA, you would like to have your exam regraded, you must submit a regrade request to me within 7 days from when exams were _rst returned to the class. You must explain clearly in writing why you believe your score is in error. If you request a regrade, I may regrade your entire exam and your score could go up or down.