

ECONOMICS 100C: MICROECONOMICS C  
Spring 2011: Section A00  
Syllabus

**Times and Places**

Lecture:	TuTh 11:00am-12:20pm	Center Hall 105
Discussion section A01:	Mon 7:00-7:50pm	Center Hall 109
Discussion section A02:	Mon 8:00-8:50pm	Center Hall 109
Discussion section B01:	Fri 8:00-8:50am	York 2622
Discussion section B02:	Fri 9:00-9:50am	Pepper Canyon Hall 106
Discussion section C01:	Wed 7:00-7:50pm	Peters 102
Discussion section C02:	Wed 8:00-8:50pm	Peters 102

**Contact Information**

Title	Name	Office Hours
Professor	Silke Forbes	W 12:00-1:00pm, Econ 229
TA	Matthew Goldman	W 1:00-2:00pm, Econ 112
TA	Heea Jung	Tue 2:20-3:20pm, Seq. Hall 227
TA	William Leung	M 11:00am-12:00pm, Econ 123
TA	Erin Troland	M 9:30-10:30am, Seq. Hall 237
TA	Michael Wither	Thu 12:30-1:30pm, Seq. Hall 228
<i>Course Email</i>		<a href="mailto:econ100c@gmail.com">econ100c@gmail.com</a>

You are welcome to attend office hours for any of the TAs. Please use the official course email address, [econ100c@gmail.com](mailto:econ100c@gmail.com), for correspondence about course content and any other issues to ensure that your questions are answered promptly. You can also communicate with us and other students through the discussion board on WebCT. Please check WebCT regularly for announcements and course materials.

**Course Content**

This course is the third of three courses in microeconomics and will build on the material presented in Economics 100A and 100B. You need to have taken the prerequisite courses listed in the UCSD catalog. The topics covered include imperfect competition, imperfect information, externalities and public goods. The course emphasizes mathematical analysis in developing the theory, but will also discuss real-world applications to demonstrate the usefulness of the theory.

The required text is *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus* (Perloff). You are responsible for the material in the assigned parts of the text. A companion website for the text is available at [http://wps.aw.com/aw\\_perloff\\_microcalc\\_1/](http://wps.aw.com/aw_perloff_microcalc_1/) and has useful study material and interesting applications and extensions.

We will cover the following topics:

1. Review of Perfect Competition	Chapters 3-5, 8-10
2. Monopoly	Chapter 11
3. Pricing Strategies	Chapter 12
4. Game Theory	Chapter 14
5. Oligopoly	Chapter 13
6. Externalities and Public Goods	Chapter 17
7. Economics of information	Chapter 18 & 19

## **Evaluation**

There will be three exams: two midterms and one final. Each midterm will be worth 25% of your grade and the final will be worth 50% of your grade. (If it benefits you, the weights will be shifted down to 20% on the lowest-scoring midterm and up to 55% on the final exam.) Midterms will cover incremental material, while the final will be cumulative (but will place a heavier emphasis on material from the last third of the course). Exams are scheduled for the following dates and will not be offered at any alternative times:

Midterm 1:	April 14, in class
Midterm 2:	May 10, in class
Final exam:	June 7, location TBA, 11:30am-2:30pm

Note: If you miss a midterm for a documented, university approved reason (i.e., illness), then the remaining midterm will count for 33% of your grade and the final will count for 67%. 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 Discussion 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 text and review the lecture notes and in-class examples.

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. The discussion sections will be most useful to you if you have already attempted the problems on your own first.

The TAs will generally move through the problem set material over the course of two hours, so the second hour will not replicate the first.

### **Administrative Issues**

1. If you choose to use a laptop to take notes during the lecture, please 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.
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 and will be asked to place any other belongings at the front of the class. 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.
5. If you believe that an exam has not been properly graded, you must first discuss this with the TA who graded the relevant part of the exam. 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 first 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.