

# Syllabus: Economics 100C

## Spring 2012, Sections A00 and B00

April 2, 2012

### Times and Places

Lecture A00:	TuTh 8:00-9:20pm	Center 101
Lecture B00:	TuTh 6:30-7:50pm	Warren Lecture Hall 2111
Section A01:	W 6:00-6:50pm	Peter 110
Section A02:	W 7:00-7:50pm	Peter 110
Section B01:	M 5:00-5:50pm	Peter 102
Section B02:	M 6:00-6:50am	Peter 102

Lectures will also be podcast and made available at <http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>. You are welcome to attend TA discussion sections for any section of the course. You may attend a different lecture section than the one to which you were assigned only subject to seating availability.

### Contact Information

Title	Name	email	Office Hours
Professor	Paul Niehaus	<a href="mailto:pniehaus@ucsd.edu">pniehaus@ucsd.edu</a>	Wednesday 10:00-11:00am, Econ 322
Head TA	William Leung	<a href="mailto:w2leung@ucsd.edu">w2leung@ucsd.edu</a>	Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm, Econ 123
TA	Michael Kuhn	<a href="mailto:mkuhn@ucsd.edu">mkuhn@ucsd.edu</a>	Thursday 3:00-4:00pm, Econ 122
TA	Samuel Young	<a href="mailto:smyoung@ucsd.edu">smyoung@ucsd.edu</a>	Monday 11:00am-12:00pm, Econ 126
TA	Erin Wolcott	<a href="mailto:ewolcott@ucsd.edu">ewolcott@ucsd.edu</a>	Monday 8:00-9:00am, Sequoyah 234
TA	Travis Brayak	<a href="mailto:tbrayak@ucsd.edu">tbrayak@ucsd.edu</a>	Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm, Sequoyah 224

You are welcome to attend office hours for any of the TAs. The TAs will also monitor the discussion boards on Ted and answer questions about course content there. If you prefer to ask a private question about course content please use the course email address, [econ100c@gmail.com](mailto:econ100c@gmail.com), which will also be monitored daily. Note that both resources are shared across lecture sections, so please note your section in all your correspondence.

## 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 frequently reference real-world applications.

The recommended text is *Microeconomics: An Intuitive Approach with Calculus* (Thomas Nechyba, custom edition for UC San Diego); you are responsible only for material covered in class, however. We will cover the following topics:

1. Review of Perfect Competition (Chapter 14)
2. Monopoly & Pricing Strategies (Chapter 23)
3. Game Theory (Chapter 24)
4. Oligopoly (Chapters 25, 26)
5. Externalities (Chapter 21)
6. Public Goods (Chapter 27)
7. Economics of Information (Chapter 22)

## Evaluation

There will be two exams: a midterm and a final. The midterm will be worth 25% of your grade and the final 75% of your grade. The midterm will cover the first half of the course, while the final will be cumulative (but will place a heavier emphasis on material from the last half of the course). Exams are scheduled for the following dates and will not be offered at any alternative times:

- Midterm: 3 May, in class, 1 hour
- Final exam: Section A00 is on Wednesday 13 June from 7:00-10:00pm, location TBA. Section B00 is on Tuesday 12 June from 7:00-10:00pm, location TBA.

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 any other 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 posted approximately weekly on Ted. They will not be graded and you do not need to turn them in. However, you are strongly urged to 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 use discussion sections to answer questions and go over solutions to the most recent problem set. The topics discussed in lecture on Tuesday and Thursday of a given week will be discussed in section on the Friday of that week and on the Monday and Wednesday of the following week. Solutions to the problem sets will be posted once the discussion sections for that problem set have completed. Consequently the sections will be most useful to you if you have already attempted the problem set on your own first.

## Administrative Issues

1. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245. After the University add deadline, students with extraordinary circumstances or with documentation of a university error may petition the Department of Economics to add the course. (Extraordinary circumstances do not include, however: not being added from the waitlist, forgetting to add the course, etc.) Students with an extraordinary circumstance may submit a completed petition, with a written explanation (and documentation, if applicable) to Sequoyah Hall 245.
2. If you choose to use a laptop to takes notes during the lecture, please sit in the back row. No other use of electronic devices is allowed during 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 your student ID and 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 or carry cell phones.
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 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.