

## Winter Quarter 1999: Economics 100A

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### Meeting Times:

Lectures: T,Th 9:35-10:55 AM HSS 2250;

### Text:

Varian, Hal; Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach, and a Soft Reserve package.

## Course Information

### Grading Policy:

Each student's performance on 3 quizzes, 2 midterm exams and a comprehensive final exam determines their course grade for Economics 100A. The relative weights for each of these is as follows:

3 Quizzes .....15%(5% each)  
2 Midterms.....50% (25% each)  
Final Exam.....35%.

### Exams:

Each student is expected to take all of the exams and quizzes at the designated time and place. Make-up exams and quizzes will not be given. Students who miss a quiz or midterm exam without a university accepted excuse will receive a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam. Students who miss a midterm or quiz with a university accepted excuse will have the weight of the final exam increased by that of the missed assignment, i.e. someone who misses a midterm with a university accepted excuse would have the final exam grade account for 60% of the final grade. A make-up final exam will be given to students who miss the final exam, but do have a university accepted excuse.

Excuses for missed exams and quizzes must be pre-approved by me (except when this is not possible in an emergency situation). Students who make initial contact after the exam has been given will also have to document why they (or some other individual) could not make contact in the above specified time manner. In addition, any student who misses an exam or quiz due to physical illness will be required to provide documentation from a health care professional indicating why the student was physically unable to take the exam. All documentation and an additional signed written statement explaining the relevant circumstances of the absence must be provided to the instructor within one working day of the of the student's return to campus. Failure to comply with any of the above in the specified manner will result in a grade of **zero (0)** for the exam.

The final exam must be given at the scheduled time and place; it can not be given "early"

Midterm exams will be administered at the beginning of the hour and will last exactly 85 minutes. Students who arrive late will not receive extra time to complete their exam.

The final exam will last exactly 3 hours. Once a student completes the exam, then no other students will



be permitted to start the exam.

### Other:

- Cell Phones and Pagers must be turned off during lectures
- Students who wish to appeal the grade they receive on an assignment must do so within two working days of the date the assignment was returned in their section.
- Academic dishonesty will be treated as described in the General Catalog.

### Important Dates:

Quiz #1 Tu, Jan 23

Midterm #1 Tu, Jan. 30

Last Day to drop without a 'W' Fri, Feb. 2

Quiz #2 Th, Feb. 15

Quiz #3 Tu Feb. 26

Midterm #2 Tu, Mar. 6

Last Day to drop Fri, Mar. 9

Final Exam March 19, 8-11AM

## Course Schedule at a Glance (Fall 1998)

### DATE TOPIC READING

Jan. 9 Introduction Varian, Ch.1

Jan. 11 Mathematical Review #1 Math Handout, Sect.A,B,C

Jan. 16 Mathematical Review #1 (cont.) Math Handout, Sect.A,B,C

Jan. 18 Consumer Preferences: Utility Functions & Indifference Curves I Ch.3

Jan. 23 Consumer Preferences: Utility Functions & Indifference Curves II Ch.4

Jan. 25 Mathematical Review #2 Sect.D

Jan. 30. Midterm #1

Feb. 1 Mathematical Review #2 (cont.) Sect.E

Feb 6 Utility Maximization & Demand Functions I Chs.2,5

Feb. 8 Utility Maximization & Demand Functions II Ch.6

Feb. 13 Mathematical Review #3 Sect.F

Feb. 15 Comparative Statics of Demand I Ch.8

Feb. 20 Comparative Statics of Demand II Ch.8

Feb. 22 Comparative Statics of Demand III Ch.8

Feb. 27 Comparative Statics of Demand III Ch.9

Mar. 1 Supply of Factors of Production I Ch.10

Mar. 5 Midterm Exam #2

Mar. 7 Supply of Factors of Production II Ch.10

Mar. 12 Supply of Factors of Production II Ch.10

Mar. 15 Theory of Production I Ch.17

**Mar. 19 (Monday) Final Exam, 8:00 – 11:00am**