

University of California, San Diego
Department of Economics

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Economics 2
Applied Microeconomics

Course Description

This course applies basic economic principles and simple analytical tools to the study of public policy issues and current events. After reviewing how things work on an idealized, perfectly competitive economy, the course looks at the effects of firms and people interacting in imperfect markets. Issues such as monopoly power, the presence of externalities, public goods, and imperfect information are analyzed. Simple economic principles are applied to the study of labor markets and income disparity, and we explore the economics of health care and environmental and safety regulation. The last application is on the effects of international trade and we briefly look at exchange rate markets.

Course Materials

Required Textbook: "Principles of Economics" by Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, Second Edition, McGraw-Hill

Chapters to be Covered: 7 and 8 (review), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 29 (pages 779-793 only)

Study Guide for use with the textbook is optional.

Textbook Website: McGraw-Hill has set up a web page for the book at <http://www.mhhe.com/economics/frankbernanke2> (optional)

My Expectations

1. Regular Class Attendance – You should come to every class. If you should miss a class, it is your responsibility to get lecture notes or any possible handout or problem assignment
2. Come to class prepared – You should review your notes from last class and you should read the assigned sections of the textbook prior to each class.
3. Do your homework – Homework is assigned to assist you in studying. Even when homework is not to be turned in, you should do any assigned problems prior to each class.

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Grading

20% Homework Assignments
35% Midterm Exam
45% Final Exam

The assigned homework should help you know whether or not you understand the material. The midterm exam is scheduled to **Monday, February 7th**, at lecture time. The final exam will take place on **Wednesday March 16th** from 11:30am to 2:30 pm and will be cumulative. The dates for the exams are not negotiable. There are no make up exams. If you miss a midterm for a justifiable and verifiable medical/legal reason, your midterm grade will be your grade on the final. Otherwise you will receive a zero, no exceptions!! The questions asked on exams will be based on textbook reading, lectures and assigned problems. No one can leave the room during an exam.

Course Web Page

The course web page is available at <http://ieng9.ucsd.edu/~sjagtian/>. You can also access it from the economics department website. It includes information relevant to the course, such as problem sets, announcements, solutions to problem sets and exams, syllabus, and more. Please check this page regularly.

Add/Drop Policy

To add or drop the course, to change discussion section or for any question regarding waitlist procedures, please go to the Economics Student Services in Sequoyah Hall room 245 (8:00 am – 12 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm). The instructor will not sign add cards.

Tentative Schedule (exams dates will not change)

Date	Number of Lectures	Topic	Textbook Chapters
Jan 3 rd	1	Class Introduction	-
Jan 5 th – Jan 7 th	2	Efficiency and Exchange	7
Jan 10 th	1	The Quest for Profit and the Invisible Hand	8
Jan 12 th – Jan 21 st	4	Monopoly and Other Forms of Imperfect Competition	9
Jan 24 th – Jan 28 th	3	Externalities and Property Rights	11
Jan 31 st – Feb 4 th	3	Public Goods and Tax Policy	15
Feb 7th	1	Midterm	-
Feb 9 th – Feb 11 th	2	The Economics of Information	12
Feb 14 th – Feb 18 th	3	Labor Markets, Poverty and Income Distribution	13
Feb 23 rd – Feb 25 th	2	The Environment, Health, and Safety	14
Feb 28 th – Mar 4 th	3	International Trade and Trade Policy	16
Mar 7 th	1	Exchange Rates	29
Mar 9 th – Mar 11 th	3	Thinking Strategically	10
Mar 16th 11:30 am -2:30 pm	-	Final Exam	-