

Economics 100B: Microeconomics

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General Information

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Teaching Assistants:

Name	Email	Office	Office Hours
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Meetings:

Lectures will be on Monday 5:00-8:00 pm in Ledden auditorium.

There will be 3 TA sections each week to go through the solution of the problem sets.

The time and location of TA sections will be posted on the course website.

Course Website

The course website is accessible through:

<http://www.econ.ucsd.edu/~acostino/teaching/100B.htm>

Please check the website regularly: lecture notes, problem sets and updates will be posted here.

Course Material

The required textbook for the course is Nicholson's *Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions*, 9th edition (South-Western Educational Publishing). The bookstore also has copies of Stapleton's accompanying workbook: *Study Guide to Accompany Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions*. The workbook itself is not required. However, its exercises provide useful tool to practice for exams.

Problem Sets

Problem sets and their solutions will be posted regularly on the course website.

Though they will not be collected, they constitute the best way to prepare for the exams.

Exams

Midterm: Monday, February 13, class time 40%

Final Exam: Thursday March 23, 7-10pm 60%

There will be no make-up exams. All exams will be closed-book: you may not use notes, electronic devices, books, or communicate to other classmates.

Grading Policy

1. Write clearly and legibly; if we can't read it, we can't grade it. Show the steps of your mathematical reasoning, and draw and label the figures clearly.
2. The grading for exams will be on the full 0-100 scale, not a truncated 60-100 or some such scale. So do not panic if your numerical score is low.
3. Check your answers against the answer key; this should resolve most of your questions. If any remain, ask the grader; the answer key will tell you who graded that particular exam. Any regrading requests for exams must be made within two weeks from the date the graded answers are made available. If you ask for a regrading, your whole problem set or exam will be regarded. This may bring to light some previously unnoticed errors, and you may end up with a *lower* score, not higher.
4. On math questions, unless your answer is fully correct, the assignment of partial credit must be a matter for judgment. If you make a mistake on an early part of a question, everything thereafter will probably go wrong; we do not have the time to figure out if your subsequent answer is a "correct" follow-up given your earlier mistake.
5. Grading of any essay questions involves not only checking the logical correctness of your reasoning, but also an evaluation of the coverage, order of presentation, and overall quality of the writing. This entails some unavoidable subjective judgment, and, like balls and strikes in baseball, it is not open to question.

Administrative Issues

For all matters regarding dropping or adding the course, waitlists etc., please contact the office of student affairs (Sequoia Hall 245).

Schedule of Topics

This is a *rough* guide only, and coverage is subject to change.

Date	Topic	Nicholson's Chapter
Jan 9	Review 100A	3-5, 7-9, 10
Jan 23	Partial Equilibrium	11
Jan 30	General Equilibrium	12
Feb 6	Monopoly	13
Feb 13	<i>Midterm</i> + Oligopoly	14
Feb 27	More Game Theory	15
Mar 6	Uncertainty	18,19
Mar 13	Externalities and Public Goods	20