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Department of Economics
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Economics 1: Principles of Economics

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Text/Readings

Required Text: Parkin, Michael: "Microeconomics", 8th edition, Pearson Education.

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce you to the basic foundations of microeconomic analysis. The course will begin by giving a brief overview of why individuals interact in a market setting. We will then discuss supply, demand and market equilibrium. After having done this, we will examine how individuals and firms behave under perfect competition.

Grading

Midterms (2): 30% each.
Final: 40%

The midterms will be in lecture time on Monday, January 28 and Wednesday, February 20. Please refer to Tritonlink for the date, time and location of the final exam.

Homework

Homework will be assigned every week, but not collected. Solutions for each problem set will be provided at the course's web site. It is very important that you work on the problem sets and understand them, since they are the best preparation for the exams.

Teaching Assistants

Name	Email	Location	Office Hours
Jessie Bull	jbull@ucsd.edu	Economics 112	Friday 10:00-noon
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Administrative Issues:

1. If you have a documented disability, please bring your documentation and come to talk to me as soon as possible so that I can make suitable accommodations for you.
2. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition to this academic sanction that I will impose, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will also impose a disciplinary penalty. For a review of UCSD policy, please see <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>.

3. If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains as long as no one has turned in his/her exam and left the room. If a classmate has already turned in his/her exam and you arrive late, you will earn a zero on the test.

4. **There will be absolutely no makeup exams.** If you have to miss a midterm **for a medical or other University approved reason**, the weight will be allocated to the final exam. In that case, you will need to provide proof of your situation. The weights will not be reallocated for any other reason.

5. All students must take the final exam at the scheduled date and time, so if you have any conflicts with other exams you are advised not to take this course (or the other courses that this course's exam conflicts with).

6. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class, please refer to Triton Link or contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245.

Sections

There will be weekly discussion sections for the class. The TAs will go over the HW in detail in sections, so it is very important that you attend. Please refer to Tritonlink for times and locations.

COURSE OUTLINE

Part One: Introduction

Ch. 1: What is Economics?

Ch. 2: The Economic Problem

Part Two: How Markets Work

Ch. 3: Demand and Supply

Ch. 4: Elasticity

Ch. 5: Efficiency and Equity

Ch. 6: Markets in Action

Part Three: Households' Choices

Ch. 7: Utility and Demand

Ch. 8: Consumption Possibilities, Preferences, and Choices

Part Four: Firms and Markets

Ch. 9: Organizing Production

Ch. 10: Output and Costs

Ch. 11: Perfect Competition

Ch. 12: Monopoly