1. Class Information

- Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am to 10:35am in Haines 220
- E-mail: agalluzzi@ucla.edu
- Office Hours: TBA
- Class Website: https://moodle2.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view/161A-ECON11-1 check it often as I am going to use to post notes and problem sets.
- Discussion Forum: The class website also gives you access to a discussion forum. It will be the only platform I will use to answer your questions about the class material. Answering the questions your classmates have is also a good way to check your preparation. Please make sure that the discussion title describes your question, so that you can easily check if the question you might have has already been answered.
- Textbook: Walter Nicholson and Christopher Snyder, “Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions”, 11th edition. The 10th Edition is also fine. You can also buy older editions. In this case you are responsible for finding the material covered in class.
- Prerequisites: Economics 1 and 2, one course from Mathematics 31B, 31BH, 31E, 32A. I will do a math review in the first class

2. Grading

- Grading Scheme: There will be a midterm and a final. The final grade is determined with the following weights
  - 50% for both midterm and final or
  - 30% on the midterm and 70% on the final

Whichever is higher.

If a student misses the midterm because of a valid medical reason (for which documentation will be provided), his/her grade is going to be solely based on the final. A student who misses the midterm without a valid medical excuse or without receiving prior permission will receive a zero.

Problem sets will be posted, but carry no weight in the final grade. However, they are a key part to succeed in this class.

- Disabled students: Any student with a preexisting illness or condition who requests special arrangements must (a) qualify under OSD rules for such special arrangements and (b) must take the exam with OSD. Any such arrangements with OSD must be made during the first week of classes. The instructor must be informed of any such arrangement in the first week of classes. For additional information and the qualification conditions of the Office of Student Disabilities (OSD), please visit their website at https://www.osd.ucla.edu/ . All other students must take the exams at the scheduled time under the same time constraints. It is the responsibility of all students who request special arrangements with OSD to be familiar with all of their rules as well as the rules of this class.
• Academic dishonesty: Any cases of cheating will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. For more details please refer to the Office of the Dean of Students website at http://www.deanofstudents.ucla.edu/.

3. Course Description: The intent of this course is to provide a rigorous presentation of microeconomics, the branch of economics dealing with behavior of individual decision makers such as consumers and firms. The goal of the course is for students to learn to think rigorously on their own about how economic agents make choices and the implications of these choices. Lectures focus on presentation of analytical tools which form the basis for such thinking. Problem sets provide students with practice applying these tools. Students will be evaluated on their understanding of these tools and their ability to apply them to new problems. It is important to remember that this is a course on economic methodology, not on policy. A lot of what you learn here will be applied later in other economics and business courses you will take. For economics major, this course is likely to be the most important one you will take.