Econ 101: Microeconomic Theory

Summer 2016 Session C Tue and Thu 1:00-3:05pm at Bunche 2209A

Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

Econ 101 is the second course of a two part sequence in intermediate microeconomic theory. The objective of this course is to learn how to analyze situations that depart the assumptions of perfect competition. Topics of this class include game theory, monopoly and price discrimination, imperfect competition, general equilibrium and welfare economics, information economics, and public goods and externalities. The prerequisite of this course of Econ 11. Knowledge of basic calculus and probability theory are useful.

Textbook:

There is no required textbook. If you want additional practice problems, Nicholson and Snyder: Microeconomic Theory: Basic Principles and Extensions is a good source.

Grading:

- Weekly Quizzes (5% × 4)
- Midterm Exam (30%)
- Final Exam (50%)

- Cutoffs for the grades will be as follows: 100-97% A+, 96-92% A, 91-90% A-, 89-87% B+, 86-82% B, 81-80% B-, 79-70% C, 69-60% D, < 59% F.

Depending on the grade distribution of the midterm and final exams, these cut-offs may be lowered, but they will not be raised.

- Weekly Quizzes:

For each week, there will be a 10-20 mins online quiz due at the end of the following Tuesday. Each
quiz will contain 3-5 multiple choice questions and will be based on practice exercises posted online for that week. The purpose of the quiz is to make sure that students do practice exercises to stay on track. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped out.

• **Midterm Exam:**
  There will be one in class midterm on August 18th (Week 3). The midterm will contain only multiple choice questions. You have the option to drop midterm grade and allow final exam to count 80% toward your final grade. However, if you do wish to drop your midterm, you have to inform the instructor before Final Week starts (request due at Sep. 7th 11:59pm).

• **Final Exam:**
  The final exam will be during the last class on September 8th. The final will contain both multiple choice questions and short answer questions.

**Exam Policies**

You will only be allowed to bring your exam booklets, pens, pencils, and scientific calculators. No additional materials, such as cheat sheets. All work must be shown in order to receive full credit. Answers should be boxed for easy visibility by the grader. All re-grading requests or other issues should be submitted within one week of receiving the exam back; requests will not be considered after that week. All other course policies, including the policy on missed exams due to illness or other reasons, follows standard department guidelines: [http://www.econ.ucla.edu/undergraduate/?p=commonsylabus](http://www.econ.ucla.edu/undergraduate/?p=commonsylabus).

**Email Policies**

No emails regarding class material or exercises will be replied. I will only reply emails related to administrative questions. Please come to my office hour for questions regarding class material and exercises. Discussion board is also highly recommended. Please make sure that the similar question has not been posted before posting a question on discussion board. Students who actively participate on discussion board and answer questions correctly will receive extra points for the final grade.

**Disabled Students and the Office of Student Disabilities (OSD)**

Any student with a pre-existing 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 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 [http://www.osd.ucla.edu/Index.htm](http://www.osd.ucla.edu/Index.htm). All other students must take the exam 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.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dos/](http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dos/).
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