PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS: ECON2010-500
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Microeconomics introduces the basic concepts of a firm and production, markets and market structure. Within different market structures, theories on how firms and labor interacts will be presented. Other topic will include the role of the government in the market, the effects of externalities and the evolving information economy.

As often as possible, class discussion will expand on theoretical topics by relating actual events to the theories presented in the textbook and in class. It is hoped that the students will make a better linkage between actual events and a hypothetical approach. Students are encouraged to contribute their ideas and opinions on these subjects.

Course Materials

All required course materials are available at the World Wide Web address given above.

A textbook is optional.

In addition, students are urged to keep up with current economic events by reading sources such as newspapers, periodicals and by watching the news on television.

Grading

75% of the final grade will be determined by exams.

25% of the final grade will be determined by Web assignments.

Although there is no recitation for this class, students must complete all Web assignments and participate in the threaded discussion or they will not pass the class.

Exam Schedule

Exam 1: Wednesday, Sept. 22
Exam 2: Friday, Oct. 29
Exam 3: Monday, Dec. 13, 7:30am
Optional final: Monday, Dec. 13, 7:30am (after Exam 3)

Students can only take exams during the scheduled time. No makeup or alternative times can
be scheduled. If, for any reason, a student misses either of the first two exams, they must take the optional final.

If you take both exams 1 and 2, the optional final can be used to replace your lowest test score on either exam 1 or 2. Note that the optional final can not be used to replace the score received on exam 3.

Important Dates

Sept. 6 - Labor Day
Nov. 25-26 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 8 - Last day of classes