

Intermediate Microeconomics Theory

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Class Time : MWF 9:00-9:50
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Course Description

This course is intended to help students to 1) study the behavior of individual economic agents and 2) from it to understand how the agents behave under different forms of market structure as well as 3) the function and problems of market. 4) some other related microeconomic topics, e.g. game theory, are selected to be covered.

Reference Book 1 (REQUIRED): Hal R. Varian's *Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (8e)*. This is a great intermediate microeconomics textbook which is harder than the usually used texts in our department. Selected chapters are to be covered. It's recommended that you take the book while attending the lecture. 7e also works, with no big difference from 8e.

Reference Book 2 (RECOMMENDED): Theodore C. Bergstrom and Hal R. Varian's *Workouts in Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (8e)*. Learning without practicing is learning nothing, and I find this workouts offer excellent practice. It's helpful but not a must.

Components of Grade

Midterm 1, during regular lecture time on Feb.24 (Fri.), 30%
Midterm 2, during regular lecture time on Mar.23 (Fri.), 30%
Final, 4:30pm-7:00pm on May 5 (Sat.), 40%
All exams will be in closed-book forms.

Homework, usually weekly, will not be collected, **BUT** please note that no less than 60% of the questions in our exams are quite similar or even the same as some questions in your homework.

You are required to attend all classes. If you have to miss a class, you need to let me know the reason.

How to Study effectively in this Course

Before each class, I will assign a reading as part of your homework so that you are prepared when you come to classes. After each class, I highly recommend that you have a quick review **WITHIN ONE DAY**. Homework and my office hours are important! If you have questions, please have them answered before we move on to new materials. Please take advantage of my **OFFICE HOURS** with various questions; you are also welcomed to talk to me at other times.

About Cheating

During the exam time, either copying others' answers or letting others know your answers is identified as cheating. Cheating in a single exam means both failing the exam and the whole course.

Key Words

Homework (practice), Office Hours, Reading, Review (lecture to yourself, homework)

University Policies

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