

ECON 3070-005
Intermediate Microeconomics
Syllabus

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Course Website: Desire 2 learn - D2L, <https://learn.colorado.edu/>

Required Textbook: Microeconomics, by David Besanko and Ronald R. Braeutigam (At least 4th Edition)

Course Objectives

In this course, we deal with the behavior of individual economic units. These units include consumers, workers, business firms—in fact, any individual that plays a role in the functioning of our economy. Microeconomics explains how and why these units make economic decisions. We will explore how these individual decisions affect the supply and demand for goods and services.

Prerequisites

Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 2010) or Introduction to Economics (ECON 1000) and Mathematics for Economists I and II (ECON 1078 & 1088) or MATH 1300 or MATH 1310 or equivalent

Grading

Your course grade will be determined by adding the points you received the two mid-term examinations, the final, the homework, and the class participation. Your course grade will be calculated as follows:

Midterm 1	Midterm 2	Problem Sets	Final	Participation
20%	20%	20%	30%	10%

Important Note: Attendance will be taken daily and the participation will be based on your attendance. **If you miss 7 or more of the scheduled regular class meetings, you will automatically fail this course.** There are no exceptions to this rule, so you are totally responsible for all your missing classes.

Examinations All exams will take place in the regular class room on the dates listed below.

- Mid-term Examination 1: Feb 21 (Thursday)
- Mid-term Examination 2: Apr 2 (Tuesday)
- Final Examination:

You should consider these dates to be firm and put them in your schedule. If there is any change, it will be announced sufficiently in advance. There will be no make-up exam. Make-ups for any exam will be allowed under compelling circumstances. Any make-up exam will be taken prior to the actual exam date, so you are required to make prior arrangements before the exam date.

Each exam will be composed of multiple choice and short answer questions. You should bring your simple calculator to the exam. Exam questions will be based on material covered in lecture and the problem sets. I will distribute the mock exam before the test.

Note that if you have 3 or more final examinations on the same day, they can arrange to take the **Last Exam** scheduled that day at an alternate time. It is their responsibility to notify you no later than six weeks into the semester and they must provide proof that you are administering their 3rd, 4th, or 5th exam of the day.

Homework: Homework will be posted periodically on the D2L. There will be five problem sets but only the best four will be counted. The maximum score on each assignment will be 100 points. You could discuss homework questions with other students but you should turn it in with your own work. Due dates for each homework will be announced in advance and no late assignment will be accepted.

Participation: This will be based on your attendance and your participation during class.

Grading Scale

Your Score	Grade	Your Score	Grade	Your Score	Grade
93-100%	A	80-82%	B-	67-69%	D+
90-92%	A-	77-79%	C+	63-66%	D
87-89%	B+	73-76%	C	60-62%	D-
83-86%	B	70-72%	C-	$\leq 59\%$	F

Course Outline:

Date	Topics	Chapter	Assignments
Jan 15	Reviewing syllabus & Math Review		
Jan 17	Math Review		
Jan 22	Supply and Demand Analysis	Chapter 2	
Jan 24	Supply and Demand Analysis	Chapter 2	
Jan 29	Preferences and Utility	Chapter 3	
Jan 31	Preferences and Utility	Chapter 3	
Feb 5	Consumer Choice	Chapter 4	P.S. 1 Due
Feb 7	Consumer Choice	Chapter 4	
Feb 12	The Theory of Demand	Chapter 5	
Feb 14	The Theory of Demand	Chapter 5	
Feb 19	Review for the first mid-term		P.S. 2 Due
Feb 21	Mid-term 1		
Feb 26	Inputs and Production Functions	Chapter 6	
Feb 28	Inputs and Production Functions	Chapter 6	
Mar 5	Costs and Cost Minimization	Chapter 7	
Mar 7	Costs and Cost Minimization	Chapter 7	
Mar 12	Cost Curves	Chapter 8	P.S. 3 Due
Mar 14	Cost Curves	Chapter 8	
Mar 19	Perfectly Competitive Markets	Chapter 9	
Mar 21	Perfectly Competitive Markets	Chapter 9	
Mar 26	Perfectly Competitive Markets	Chapter 9	
Mar 28	Midterm Exam 2 Review		P.S. 4 Due
Apr 2	Mid-term 2		
Apr 4	Monopoly and Monopsony	Chapter 10	
Apr 9	No Class (Fall Break)		
Apr 11	No Class (Fall Break)		
Apr 16	Monopoly and Monopsony	Chapter 10	
Apr 18	Market Structure and Competition	Chapter 13	
Apr 23	Market Structure and Competition	Chapter 13	
Apr 25	Market Structure and Competition	Chapter 13	
Apr 30	Final Exam Review 1		P.S. 5 Due
May 3	Final Exam Review 2		

Other Information:

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