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Location: ECON 119
Meeting Times: TTH 11:00-12:15
Office Hours: TTH 10:00 – 10:45
(or by appointment)

Course website:

All course materials will be posted on [Desire2Learn \(D2L\)](https://learn.colorado.edu) website that can be accessed at <https://learn.colorado.edu>.

Course Description:

This is the second graduate course in microeconomic theory. It consists of two main parts: non-cooperative game theory and market equilibrium and market imperfections. Together with ECON 7010 (Microeconomic Theory 1), this course aims to provide students with a solid understanding of the fundamentals of microeconomic analysis.

Text:

The textbook is *Microeconomic Theory*, by *Mas-Colell, Whinston, and Green*. The covered material is most chapters of Parts II and III of the book. A more detailed treatment of game theory can be found in *Game Theory for Applied Economists*, by *Gibbons* or *Game Theory*, by *Fudenberg and Tirole*.

Problem Sets:

Weekly problem sets are available at the course website. You should attempt them one by one after the relevant material is covered in class. Methodically solving the problem sets is **extremely important** to succeed in this class. You are encouraged to form study groups to discuss homework and lecture materials. Sample solutions will be provided at the course website. **DO NOT TURN IN THE PROBLEM SETS.**

Assessment:

Your performance in this class will be evaluated based on problem set quizzes, two midterm exams and the final exam. All exams are in a closed-book format. Weights are as follows:

1. Problem Set Quizzes (five quizzes, 4 points each, 20 points in total)
2. Midterm exams (two midterms - 25 points each, 60 points in total)
3. Final exam (30 points)

Recitation Sessions:

Every week, the TA will hold a recitation in which the problem sets are discussed.

Tentative Course Outline:

1. Partial Equilibrium Model
2. Externalities and Public Goods
3. General Equilibrium: Some Examples

Midterm 1

4. Static Games of Complete Information.
5. Dynamic Games of Complete Information.

Midterm 2

6. Static Games of Incomplete Information.
7. Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information.

Final (May 6th, 4:30-6:30)**University Policies**

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