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(or by appointment)

Course website:

All course materials will be posted on Desire2Learn (D2L) 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.

Assessment:

There will be two midterm exams and the final exam. All exams are in a closed-book format. Tests weights are as follows:

- 1. Midterm exams (two midterms 30 points each, 60 points in total)
- 2. Final exam (40 points)

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 with some time lag. DO NOT TURN IN THE PROBLEM SETS.

Recitation Sessions:

For every other week, the TA will hold a recitation in which the problem sets are discussed. Additional sessions can be added if there is such a need. I cannot **overemphasize** that solving these problems is crucial for you to learn the course materials.

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 (Monday, May 8, 4:30-6:30)

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