

Summer 2024
ECON 2030 A
Intermediate Microeconomics II: Consumers and General Equilibrium

The Instructor

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Class Time: asynchronous

Office Hours : by appointment, please email.

The Course

Course Location/Delivery: Asynchronous/Online

Tutorial Time: Asynchronous

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TA Office Hours: by appointment, please email.

Course Description:

This course analyzes consumer choice and the economics of demand and supply in general equilibrium. We will also consider choice under uncertainty and asymmetric information. We will use several tools from mathematics to formalize economic models and analyze economic issues. Therefore, students must be familiar with basic algebra, calculus, and geometry.

Preclusions and Prerequisites:

Precludes additional credit for ECON 2001, ECON 2002 (no longer offered), and ECON 2003 (no longer offered). Prerequisite(s): ECON 2020 with a grade of C- or higher or ECON 2009 with a grade of C+ or higher, and ECON 1402 (or equivalent) with a C- or higher grade. Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Administrator, Renee Lortie. A grade of C+ or higher is required to qualify for ECON 3900, 3920, and 4020.

Course Calendar

Chapters from the text to be covered (note: this may change*):

Math Review, Ch. 3, 4, 5, 10, 16 - 19

*Depending on time, chapters may be added or removed. Material that will be covered will be on Brightspace

Homework Assignments

MyLab Economics links to the homework assignments, as well as due dates, will be posted on Brightspace.

Quizzes

MyLab Economics links to the quizzes, as well as due date, which is typically due on the same day, will be posted on Brightspace.

Exams - Tentative Schedule

July 22 – Midterm

August xx – Final comprehensive exam during the university exam period

Lectures

Lectures will be prerecorded with links to the videos on Brightspace. Students can watch the prerecorded video at their convenience. Detailed lecture notes in PDF or Word documents will be uploaded to Brightspace. Those are the best resource to study, in addition to the problem sets and practice exams posted on Brightspace.

Brightspace will be used for all course related communications; problem sets announcement; links to the course documents; homework assignments, quizzes and exams.

Tutorials

You are also registered in a tutorial for this course. The teaching assistant, **TBA**, will help you work through the weekly problems and answer any questions you might have. The weekly tutorial problems are typically posted on Saturdays or Sundays for the following week's tutorial. The prerecorded tutorial session and solutions will be posted by the weekends. The tutorial problems provide excellent practice for the types of problems you can expect to see on the midterms and final exam. To get the most out of the tutorials it is best to attempt at least some of the questions before attending the tutorial.

Required Textbook

Perloff, Jeffrey M. (2020), *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus*, 5th edition, Pearson Higher Ed. **ISBN: 9780134899657**

Note: Additional readings may be assigned. The course will use calculus and some elementary probability and statistics. A good reference for the application of mathematical tools in this course is Calculus Appendix of the textbook.

Online Resources: This course is structured to follow the chapters of the above course textbook, and use the learning and assignment tools provided through [MyLab Economics](#). Online material will consist of practice problems, online assignments and practice tests. MyLab Economics with Pearson eText – Access Card – for *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus* can

be purchased at a discounted price \$113.25 via CU bookstore website <https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>. Please note that **MyLab Economics** requirement is in accordance with the University’s policy on Technology Enhanced Learning Resources: <https://carleton.ca/secretariat/wp-content/uploads/Adopting-Technology.pdf>. Used versions of the textbook, or avoiding purchase of the textbook, will not provide class members with the required **MyLab Economics** account for this course, including assignments.

Instructor’s course ID (**ahmad81159**) and registration instructions to access resources provided through **MyLab Economics** will be posted on Brightspace.

Evaluation

You will be evaluated based on the following assessments. The weight and due date for each assessment are as follows:

Homework Assignments	25%
Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	<u>35%</u>
	100%

Grading Scale:

A+	90-100	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	57-59		
A	85-89	B	73-76	C	63-66	D	53-56		
A –	80-84	B –	70-72	C –	60-62	D –	50-52	F	0-49

Homework Assignments and Quizzes

Homework and quizzes will be assigned on Brightspace. Homework assignments and quizzes are due at the time mentioned in the announcements. Each student needs to submit the assessment by the deadline. **Any late submission will receive a grade of zero. There are no makeups for missed homework assignments and quizzes.**

Midterm Exam Policy

If you are absent for a midterm, email me as soon as possible to discuss how we will weight your course evaluations differently. I reserve the right to request a Self-Declaration form or PMC letter of accommodation depending on the length of incapacitation.

Final Exam

The final exam will be online as scheduled by the University during the exam period. Students are advised not to make travel plans during the exam period as that is not a valid reason for missing a final exam.

Satisfactory Performance Criteria

Students must fulfill all of the course requirements, including the final exam, in order to achieve a passing grade (D- or higher).

Deferred Finals

Students who do not write the final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply for to write a deferred final examination by contacting the Registrar's Office no later than three working days after the original final examination was scheduled. In the event that a student writes a deferred examination, the deferred examination will carry the same weight as the final examination in determining the course grade. Any deferred examination will not be identical to the original final examination.

Deferred finals (which must be applied for at the RO) are only available if the student is in good standing in the course, so if there is a minimum standard a student must meet in order to be in good standing, and entitled to write a deferred final exam, this standard must be stipulated here.

Course Standing

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until the Dean has approved them.

Plagiarism, Resources and Mental Health, Academic Accommodations

You are responsible for reading and knowing the information about plagiarism, Carleton University resources, and academic accommodations found [HERE](#).