

ECON 1001 B – Introduction to Microeconomics

Department of Economics

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Lectures: Mondays and Wednesdays 2:35–3:55 PM, Zoom (recordings will be made available)

Tutorials: Mondays. Note that there are 5 different 50-minute sections scheduled at different times between 4-8 PM. Two of those sections are in-person only. The remaining 3 are online.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the first of two introductory courses in economics (ECON 1001 and 1002). This first course focuses on microeconomics and will cover basic economics principles and applications. Some of the topics covered will include a discussion of markets, how they work and when they can fail; international trade; environmental issues and the unintended consequences of different policies, among other topics. The purpose of the course is to show students how economists think and to serve as a foundation for further study in economics.

PREREQUISITES AND PRECLUSIONS

Precludes additional credit for ECON 1000 and FYSM 1003. A grade of C- or higher is required to qualify for ECON/MATH 1402, ECON 2009, ECON 2020, and ECON 3001. DEF(erred final grade) status at the end of this course precludes (continued) registration in any other course for which the former is a prerequisite.

COURSE DELIVERY

Lectures for this course will be synchronous during the scheduled lecture times. They will be recorded and links to the videos will be provided on the course's Brightspace page.

Tutorials will be synchronous as well. Note that there are 5 different 50-minute sections scheduled at different times between 4-8 PM. Two of those sections are in-person only. The remaining 3 are online. Recordings for online tutorials will be made available. In-person tutorials will not be recorded.

If you choose to join the live sessions, neither the lectures nor the tutorials will require you to join with a webcam.

OFFICE HOURS

Taking advantage of my office hours is highly recommended. You should review the class material and come with specific questions. All questions are welcome. **Most topics in this course build on the previous ones so do not let a week go by without reviewing the material and making sure you understand it.** If you cannot make my office hours, try to attend the TA's office hours or email me to schedule a different time/day.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Mankiw, Kneebone and McKenzie (2019) *Principles of Microeconomics*, 8th Canadian Edition and the publisher's associated access to **MindTap** (an electronic platform). The corresponding Study Guide may also prove helpful but is not required.

MindTap, the textbook's associated electronic platform, will be used to complete weekly assignments that will be part of your grade. You can obtain a **12-month access to MindTap (and to the e-book version of the textbook)** in three ways:

- (1) The Bookstore for a discounted price of about \$79.
- (2) Through a special link to be provided by the publisher also for about \$79.
- (3) The publisher's general website for a **higher price**. The University negotiated the lower \$79 price, so this is obviously a less desirable option.

If you prefer to have a hard copy of the book, the University's Bookstore also offers the book with MindTap access.

A used textbook of previous editions is also an option but **please be aware that the MindTap package is required for completion of assignments and used books might not include a valid/unused access code.**

COURSE MATERIALS

This course will use the University's Brightspace webpage of the course to upload all materials used in class. That webpage will also show all announcements related to the course. Please make sure you have access to the course's Brightspace page.

TUTORIALS

Tutorials will focus on practice problems related to the topics covered in the lectures and may include graded quizzes that will help you understand the material covered in the lectures and prepare for the exams.

EMAIL POLICY

Please contact me via email (using your Carleton email account) only if you need to request an appointment because you cannot make my office hours or in case of emergency.

EVALUATION

Each student's grade will be calculated using the following instruments and weights:

Instrument	Weight
Weekly MindTap assignments	10%
2 Quizzes (5% each)	10%
2 Mid-term exams (20% each)	40%
Final exam	40%
Total	100%

MindTap Assignments: These are weekly electronic assignments that will allow you to practice the concepts discussed in class. Deadlines will be announced one week in advance. The assignments with the two lowest scores will be excluded from the calculation.

Quizzes: These will include short questions and will be announced at least a week in advance. Quizzes will take place during the scheduled lecture or tutorial times. If you miss a quiz for a documented compelling reason, the weight of that quiz will be reallocated to the remaining quizzes or to the final exam in the event you miss the last quiz.

Midterm I: Wednesday, October 20th

Midterm II: Wednesday, November 24th

If you miss a mid-term examination for a documented compelling reason, the weight of the midterm will be reallocated to the final exam. No makeup midterm will be offered.

Final comprehensive examination: It will be formally scheduled during the examination period and will include all material covered in class.

SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Students must fulfil all of the preceding course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade (D- or higher). Failure to write the final examination when the student has achieved satisfactory performance during the term will result in a grade of 'F' until an appeal to write the deferred final exam, if granted by the Registrar's Office. A change of grade will be submitted when the deferred final exam has been written and the marks are available. See Academic Regulation 2.3 for the official meanings of the grades, and note that it stipulates that no course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar's Office in writing no later than three working days after the original final examination was scheduled.

REGRADING

Students seeking reappraisal of their graded work (quizzes, exams) should contact the instructor within 2 weeks after they receive their grades.

PLAGIARISM

Please be aware that plagiarism is serious offense at Carleton and should be recognized and avoided. For further information on how to do so, please see “Pammett on Plagiarism and Paraphrasing” at www.carleton.ca/economics/courses/writing-preliminaries.

COURSE MATERIALS

All class material will be posted on cuLearn. Note that student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website:

carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website:

carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. For more details, visit the Paul Menton Centre website <https://carleton.ca/pmc>.

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through

academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, see the policy at: <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline