

**ECON 2030**  
**Intermediate Microeconomics II: Consumers and General Equilibrium**  
**Syllabus – Fall 2019**

Professor: Dr. Louis-Philippe Beland

Office: A-802 Loeb

E-mail: louisphilippe.beland@carleton.ca

Class Time: MW 2:35 pm - 3:55 pm                      Southam Hall 306

Tutorial Time: M Class                      4:05 pm - 5:25 pm                      Southam Hall 304

Office Hours: F: 10 – 11:00, and by appointment

**Required Text:**

“Perloff, Jeffrey M. Microeconomics: theory & applications with calculus, 4th edition, ISBN: 978-0133019933.”

**Prerequisite:**

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 grade of C- or higher. 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, Amanda Wright. A grade of C+ or higher is required to qualify for ECON 3900, 3920, and 4020.

**Course Objective:**

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 a number of tools from mathematics to formalize economic models and analyze economic issues. Therefore, students must be familiar with basic algebra, calculus and geometry.

**Exams:**

There will be two midterm exams and a final exam. Each midterm exam will be given during regular class-time. Excuses for missed exams must be pre-approved except when this is not possible in an emergency situation. 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 will be offered. If you are sick, I should get an email about it before the exam. A doctor's note will be needed to validate the illness. Please also see accommodation list below. PLEASE NOTE: Traveling plans are not considered an excused absence.

**Homework and Quiz:**

Homework will be assigned in class. Therefore, it is important that you attend lectures to know when homework has been assigned and when it is due. Homework is due at the start of class. **Any late homework will receive a grade of zero. There are no make-ups for**

**quizzes and homework.** The instructor holds the right to administer in class quizzes.

**Determination of the Final Course Grade:**

Midterm Exam #1	20%
Midterm Exam #2	20%
Final Exam	35%
Homework	15%
Quiz	<u>10%</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	F 0-49
A- 80-84	B- 70-72	C- 60-62	D- 50-52	

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 CUlearn.

**Exams - Tentative Schedule: (subject to changes!)**

October 9– Midterm 1

November 11– Midterm 2

December – Final comprehensive exam during the university exam period.

**Additional Information**

Class will begin promptly at the scheduled starting time. As a courtesy to others it is requested that you not arrive after class has begun or leave before it ends. Others will appreciate your courtesies in this manner. If you must leave class early or will be late, please let me know before class begins.

Class attendance is not taken but is strongly encouraged since it is difficult to pass this class without regular class attendance. The subject matter is analytical in nature and it is imperative to keep up with the course material. Cell phones must be turned off or on silent. Tape recording of class lectures is not authorized. The instructor holds the right to excuse students from class or administratively drop them if necessary for violation of this policy.

**Tutorials**

Tutorials will be used to review class materials and solve practical examples. The attendance for the tutorials is highly recommended. They will focus on homework assignments and practice problems that will help you understand better the material covered in the lectures and prepare for the mid-term and final examinations.

## **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 they have been approved by the Dean. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar's Office.

## **Academic Misconduct - Plagiarism**

Please be aware that plagiarism is serious offence at Carleton and should be recognized and avoided. For information on how to do so, please see "Pammett on Plagiarism and Paraphrasing" at [carleton.ca/economics/courses/writingpreliminaries](http://carleton.ca/economics/courses/writingpreliminaries).

## **Copyright of Course Materials**

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).

## **Accessibility and Accommodation**

Carleton University is committed to providing access to the educational experience in order to promote academic accessibility for all individuals.

Academic accommodation refers to educational practices, systems and support mechanisms designed to accommodate diversity and difference. The purpose of accommodation is to enable students to perform the essential requirements of their academic programs. At no time does academic accommodation undermine or compromise the learning objectives that are established by the academic authorities of the University.

## **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:

For more details please see: <https://students.carleton.ca/course-outline/>

## **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.

## **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://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.