



Carleton University Department of Economics

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ECON 2001

Intermediate Microeconomics for Non-Mathematical Majors

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The Course

Course Location/Delivery: In-person

Course Day and Time: Tuesdays, 18:05 - 20:55

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Brightspace Course Page: <https://brightspace.carleton.ca/d2l/home/369541>

Course Description

This course presents the main topics in microeconomic theory in a relatively non-technical manner with illustrations of their applications.

Learning Outcomes

The course will help broaden students' understanding of concepts and applications of microeconomics.

Preclusions and Prerequisites

Prerequisite: ECON 1001 or ECON 1000 or FYSM 1003, or permission of the Department.

Preclusions: This course is not open to students in any Economics, B.Com., B.C.S., B.Eng., B.I.D., B.I.B., B.Math., or B.Sc. programs. The course precludes additional credit for ECON 2002 (no longer offered), ECON 2003 (no longer offered), ECON 2009, ECON 2020, and ECON 3020.

Course Calendar

Session 1: Introduction to the Course

Session 2: Basic Assumptions about Market, Supply, Demand, and Elasticity (Chapter 2)

Sessions 3 and 4: Consumer Choice (Chapters 3, 4, 5)

Session 5: Production (Chapters 7, 8)

Sessions 6 and 7: Profit Maximization in Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Monopolistic Competition, and Oligopoly Markets (Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)

Session 8: Midterm (November 4)

Session 9: Employment and Input Market Analysis (Chapters 16, 17, 18)

Session 10: General Equilibrium (Chapters 6, 19)

Session 11: Public Goods, Externalities, Economics of Information, Game Theory (Chapters 14, 20)

Session 12: Departures from Standard Rational Choice Models: Behavioral Economics

Lecture notes, problem sets, announcements, due dates and other information will be posted on BrightSpace. Students are responsible for regularly checking BrightSpace to ensure that have access to posted documents and that they are up to date with any announcements.

Disclaimer: Please note that modifications/additions may be made to the list of readings. Any such modifications will be announced in a timely fashion in class. Please check the updated weekly schedule at BrightSpace.

Textbooks and Readings

(Required) Browning, E.K. and M.A. Zupan, "Microeconomics: Theory and Applications", 13th edition, Wiley. (Starting at \$92.13)

Note: Students may use the most recent edition or former editions of the textbook. More explanations will be provided in the first session about the textbook.

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Assignment/Test	Date	Mode of Delivery	Percentage of Grade
Assignment 1	Due on Session 7, October 28, 11:59 pm	Online	10%
Assignment 2	Due on December 1, 11:59 pm	Online	10%
Midterm Exam	During Session 8, November 4, at 6:05 pm	In-Person	35%
Final Exam	During the exam period as scheduled by the university	In-Person	45%
			Total: 100%

Information About Assignments

The assignments will consist of several questions and problems. The assignments must be submitted online on Brightspace by the due date.

Any use of generative AI tools to produce assessed content is considered a violation of academic integrity standards as per our statement on Plagiarism.

Late Policies and Extensions for Term Work

Late assignments will not be accepted and will receive a grade of zero unless a compelling reason (Self-Declaration form, doctor note, etc.) is provided. In this case, the weight of the assignment will be transferred to the final exam.

Midterm/Test Policies

The midterm covers the material presented in Weeks 1-6. The final exam is cumulative. Students will receive a grade of zero if they miss the midterm exam unless they provide a compelling reason by submitting the Self-Declaration form (for short-term incapacitation) or PMC letter of accommodation (for long-term issues). If the compelling reason is accepted the weight of the midterm will be transferred to the final exam so that the weight of the midterm and final exam become 0% and 80% respectively. No deferred midterm will be offered. More information about a request for accommodation is available at <https://carleton.ca/FASS-FPA-teaching-regulations/accommodation/>. The course and exams will be delivered in-person. Note that 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.

Final Exam

The final exam is cumulative. It will be in-person as scheduled by the University during the exam period. Students are 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.

Distance Exams

Students who are living/studying at least 160 km from the university may apply to Scheduling and Exam Services and pay a fee to write the exam at a distance. You can find information about the deadline for applying for a distance exam this term and the application here <https://carleton.ca/ses/distance-exams/>.

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.

Plagiarism, Resources and Mental Health, Academic Accommodations

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