

ECON 4070001 TOPICS IN MICROECONOMICS

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Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach by Hal Varian, W.W.Norton and Company (any latter edition).

Class requirements

The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 1.50pm. The critical thinking required for successful completion of this course may not come naturally for many students. In-class exposure to model building, group exercises, applied problems and solutions via class attendance is the best way to become proficient in the application of microeconomic theory and the way economists think and solve problems.

Craig and Savage (2014) show that a ten percent increase in attendance is associated with a one percentage point improvement in final exams for undergraduate industrial organization students, which could mean the difference between a grade D or C & B or A. ³, Q V W U X F W R U S D Q G 6 W X G H Q W 3 H U I R U P D Q F H (Y L G H Q F H I U R P D Q 8 Q G H U J U D G X International Review of Economics Education 2014 17, 5565.

Feel free to form study groups to review and discuss lecture/reading material, homework assignments etc., but you must submit individual work for grading (if you work with a study group or individual classmate on assignments, please list the names of these persons on the front page of your submitted assignment).

Students should:

- (a) attend three 50 minute lectures per week;
- (b) review and augment notes after lectures;
- (c) complete (a minimum of five out of six) homework assignments;
- (d) complete two quizzes;
- (e) complete one

Recent research

Important dates for assessment

January 31	Homework 1
February 14	Homework2
February 28	Homework3
March 9	Mid-term examination
March 21	Homework4
April 11	Homework5
April 25	Homework6
May 6	Final examination

The Department of Economics provides a free tutorial office which provides assistance on all courses in the major, and occasionally on other undergraduate courses within the Department. Its website is available at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/undergraduate/tutorial.pdf>

Campus and department policies

The Department of Economics enforces prerequisites. Students with appropriate prerequisite(s) may be administratively dropped.

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Economics 3413 (3 credits)

from the faculty member and no academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.htm> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

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reasonable accommodations. The syllabus statements and answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please indicate by email, near the beginning of the semester, if there is a conflict. See full details at <http://www.colorado.edu/religiousobservance>

