

Syllabus for Econ 200 B - Introductory Microeconomics Spring 2009

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Course website: <http://www.econ.washington.edu/instruction/courses/classpage.asp?class=3096>

Required Text

Principles of Microeconomics, 4th edition by N. Gregory Mankiw

Recommended Text

Principles of Microeconomics 5th edition by E. Silberberg & G. Ellis

Grading

Quizzes:	15%
Homework:	15%
Exam 1:	35%
Exam 2:	35%
Participation:	0-5%

Quizzes and Homework

Beginning week 2 you will have quizzes and homework assignments.

Quizzes will cover material up to the day prior the quiz and may contain a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions.

Homework assignments cannot be turned in via email. For full credit all problems must be attempted, however only a portion of problems will be graded. Assignments may be worked on in groups and a single assignment may be turned in with all group members' names.

Exams

Exams are closed book closed notes, if needed you may use a four-function calculator. The final exam is not comprehensive and will be on Tuesday 6/9 from 2:30 PM – 4:20 PM.

Participation

I reserve the right to add up to 0.2 (5%) of a 4.0 scale to some students' final course grade. This is not an automatic boost, but will be given to some students who assist in lectures by asking or answering questions in class and to students who show marked improvement throughout the quarter.

Extra Credit/Re-grades/Late Homework/Missed Quizzes

There will be no extra credit assignments. If you want a problem re-graded on a particular HW, quiz or test, the entire assignment will be re-graded, so you may lose points in other problems. For a valid absence (sick with doctor's note or due to a UW sponsored event) make-up quizzes will be issued and late homework will be accepted with no penalty.

Otherwise no late homework will be accepted.

Tentative Schedule

I reserve the right to omit (add) lecture material in case we get behind (ahead) of the schedule. Lecture time will be spent covering new material and solving problems that apply the introduced concepts. (Readings: **M** = Mankiw **S/E** = Silberberg/Ellis **O** = online notes)

	Topics / Assignments	Readings
Week 1: 3/30 – 4/3	Course overview; Ten Principles of Economics; Thinking like an Economist;	M: Ch 1, Ch 2
Week 2: 4/6 – 4/10	Supply & Demand; Opportunity Cost; Elasticity; Quiz 1	M: Ch 4, Ch 5, 7 S/E: Ch 2
Week 3: 4/13 – 4/17	Elasticity; Welfare; Gov't Policy & Welfare; HW1 Due	M: Ch 6, Ch 8, 9
Week 4: 4/20 – 4/24	Markets & Welfare; Gains from Trade; Quiz 2;	M: Ch 9, 3 S/E: Ch 6
Week 5: 4/27 – 5/1	Review for Exam 1; Exam 1; Externalities; HW 2 Due;	M: Ch 10, 11
Week 6: 5/4 – 5/8	Public Goods; Tragedy of Commons; Quiz 3	M: Ch 10, 11 O
Week 7: 5/11 – 5/15	Firms & Competitive Mkts; HW 3 Due;	M: Ch 13, 14, 15 S/E: Ch 7 O
Week 8: 5/18 – 5/22	Org of Mkts: Monopoly; Quiz 4	M: Ch 13, 14, 15
Week 9: 5/25 – 5/29	Game Theory; Org of Mkts: Oligopoly; Monopolistic Competition; HW 4 Due	M: Ch 15, 16 O
Week 10: 6/1 – 6/5	Game Theory; Org of Mkts: Oligopoly; Monopolistic Competition; Review for Exam 2;	M: Ch 15, 16 O

Lecture attendance is not required, but highly encouraged. It has been observed that students who regularly attend lectures are more likely to do better on quizzes and test when compared to the students who do not attend.

I will send announcements via the course email list and post lecture supplements and assignments online. Check your UW email and the class website regularly.