



ECON 110-03: PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS, FALL 2017

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OFFICE HOURS: Wed 4:00pm to 5:00pm, and by appointment

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CLASSROOM: Bell Tower – 1424

CLASS DAYS AND TIMES: Mon and Wed, 6:00pm to 7:15pm

CLASSROOM POLICY: Smartphones must be on silent and placed away, or turned off during class. Laptops may be used only to take notes or to refer to course materials.

TEXTBOOK: Principles of Microeconomics (bundled with Aplia), 8th edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw. Please note:

- The online Aplia application is required, and includes an online version of the textbook.
 - A hard copy of the text is not required, but it is available for purchase at the bookstore if you wish to use one.
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COURSE OVERVIEW: The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with basic microeconomic concepts. You should expect to develop an appreciation for and understanding of microeconomic principles and methods. We will discuss fundamental topics such as tradeoffs, economic efficiency, demand and supply, and markets. Microeconomic analysis and reasoning are ubiquitously applied in industry and government policy, and we will discuss these applications at several points as we progress through the course material. You will learn how individuals and firms make economic decisions, how markets work, and how to think like an economist.

GRADING: Your letter grades (+/- allowed) will be assigned using a cumulative score based on five Aplia problem sets (homework assignments), two midterm exams, and a final exam, weighted as follows:

Problem sets: 25%
Midterm exam 1: 20%
Midterm exam 2: 20%
Final exam: 35%

Grades will be assigned approximately as follows: >90%: A; 80%-90%: B; 70%-80%: C; 60%-70%: D, <60%: F.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: You are expected and strongly encouraged to attend all scheduled classes, to be prepared to engage in class by answering and asking questions and participating in discussions, and to read beforehand the chapters that are going to be covered each week. If you do not attend a class, it is your responsibility to make arrangements to ensure you catch up on the material covered and on any other information provided.

HOMEWORK: Problem sets will be assigned via Aplia. Collaboration on problem sets is not allowed, and collaboration of any kind on problem sets will be considered a violation of academic regulations.

EXAMINATIONS: There are two midterm examinations (20% each) and one cumulative final exam (35%). All exams are closed book. You may use a simple calculator. The use of laptops and smartphones during exams is strictly prohibited (therefore, for example, you may not use a calculator app on your smartphone).

No make-up exams will be held. If you have a valid and approved reason (characterized by severe and unforeseen hardship, and substantiated with documentation) for missing an examination, then the weight of the exam you missed will be added to the weight of the next exam. Importantly, if you miss an examination without a valid and approved reason, you will receive a score of zero for that examination.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: All work done for this course must be in accordance with CSUCI's policy on honor code. Please read the policy in full (<http://policy.csuci.edu/sp/4/sp-04-038.htm>).

If you are caught cheating on an exam, you will receive a score of zero, and the incident will be reported to the Community Responsibility and Student Conduct office. Please review CSUCI's policy on academic dishonesty (<https://www.csuci.edu/campuslife/student-conduct/academic-dishonesty.htm>).

DISABILITIES RESOURCES:

If you have a disability for which accommodations may be required in this class, please contact Disability Accommodations and Support Services (<https://www.csuci.edu/dass/>) immediately to discuss your needs and to register for accommodations with the University.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Date	Chapters	Homework Due
08/28/2017 and 08/30/2017	Syllabus, 1 and 2	
09/06/2017	4	
09/11/2017 and 09/13/2017	5	HW 1 due on 09/13/2017
09/18/2017 and 09/20/2017	6	
09/25/2017	Review	
09/27/2017	Midterm Exam 1	HW 2 due
10/02/2017 and 10/04/2017	7	
10/09/2017 and 10/11/2017	10	
10/16/2017 and 10/18/2017	11	HW 3 due on 10/18/2017
10/23/2017 and 10/25/2017	13	
10/30/2017	Review	
11/01/2017	Midterm Exam 2	HW 4 due on 11/01/2017
11/06/2017 and 11/08/2017	14	
11/13/2017 and 11/15/2017	15	
11/20/2017 and 11/22/2017	16	
11/27/2017 and 11/29/2017	17	
12/04/2017 and 12/06/2017	Review	HW 5 due
12/13/2017	Final Exam	