

ECN 2010 - Introduction to Microeconomics

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Textbook: Modern Principles: Microeconomics by Cowen & Tabarrok, 2nd ed.
ISBN: 1429202483 (1st edition also works)

Class: MW, 8-10:30 pm

Course Overview (from Course Catalog)

Designed to build an understanding of the economics of the marketplace from the perspectives of individual consumer and producer or business. Development and application of microeconomic principles to demonstrate the role and limitations of competitive markets in motivating socially efficient consumer, business, and public sector choices.

Grading

Grades in the course will be determined by performance in three areas: mini-presentations, assignments, and exams. The highest total score in the class will be set as 100% and grade distribution percentages will be based off of that.

Mini-Presentations

Twice during the semester, each student will select a recent news article and present it to the class. In each presentation the student will demonstrate how the economic concepts covered in class apply to the article. The economic concepts can either be directly contained in the article, or can be an expansion of the article.

Each mini-presentation will be worth 5% of the student's overall grade for a total of 10%.

Assignments

Assignments will be due every Wednesday (except for the first Wednesday). Questions on the homework assignments will cover topics that we have discussed in class. Each assignment will be worth 5% of the student's overall grade for a total of 30%.

Exams

Two exams will be given. Each exam will be worth 30% of the student's overall grade. If you understand the material that is covered in class then you should have no problem on the exams. The final will be comprehensive only because the later material necessarily builds off of the previous material.

Grading Summary

Mini-Presentations (2 @ 5% each)	10%
Assignments (6 @ 5% each)	30%
Exams (2 @ 30% each)	60%
Total	100%

Course Schedule

Date	Material
24 June	Syllabus, Chapters 1-2
26 June	Chapters 3-4
1 July	Chapters 5-6
3 July	Chapters 7-8
8 July	Chapters 9-10
10 July	Chapters 11-12
15 July	Chapter 13
17 July	Midterm Exam
22 July	Chapters 14-15
24 July	Chapters 16-17
29 July	Chapters 18-19
31 July	Chapters 20-21
5 Aug	Review
7 Aug	Final Exam

This syllabus is subject to change at any time based on how the course evolves. If we need to slow down we will. If we need to cover more material we will do that.