



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS

SSC303: INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS

SUMMER QUARTER 2025

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CREDIT HOURS: 5 CREDITS

INSTRUCTOR:

INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces the fundamentals of microeconomics. We will study the economic behavior of individuals, households, and firms and examine their interactions in markets that determine the prices and quantities of goods and services. Topics cover scarcity, demand and supply, equilibrium, opportunity costs, production possibility and indifference curves, specialization, comparative advantage, economic profit, the different types of market structures, and world trade and equilibrium.

TEXT: Principles of Microeconomics, 7ed., Gregory Mankiw, Cengage Learning Publishing.

LATE WORK POLICY: All students are expected to submit homework assignments electronically on the date specified on the syllabus. No late homework will be accepted and the student will receive a "0" (zero) for the homework assignment. Should the student refuse to complete the assigned work for the class, it could result in the student failing the class. All work assigned is expected to be completed on the date assigned. The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary. Please be sure to check your email/Moodle for any changes to the schedule.

PLAGIARISM AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY: Work that is found to be plagiarized receives a grade of zero and often causes a student to fail a class. Documentation of plagiarism is added to the student's academic file as a violation of accepted student conduct and is subject to disciplinary action. Plagiarism is the use of another person's exact words, or their ideas written in the student's words without giving the original author credit.

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- Quote material directly without using quotation marks.
- Paraphrase the original so that many of the phrases are the same as the original. A good rule is no more than 3 or 4 words in a row should be the same as the original.
- Copy the original sentence pattern, substitution synonyms for key words.
- Neglect to indicate the source of the original material.

ASSESSMENTS:

Content

Exams	50%
Quizzes	20%
Assignments	20%
Participation	10%
Total	100%

COURSE GRADE: A = 93%-100%

B = 85%-92%

C = 77%-84%

D = 70%-76%

F = below 70%

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

(Subject to change)

Week	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment Due
Week 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Course Overview● Thinking Like an Economist● Interdependence and the Gains from Trade● The Market Forces of Supply and Demand● Elasticity and Its Applications	
Week 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Supply, Demand, and Government Policies● Policies Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets● Application: The Costs of Taxation● Application: International Trade● Externalities	
Week 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public Goods and Common Resources● The Costs of Production● Firms in Competitive Markets	Midterm Exam - Friday
Week 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monopoly● Monopolistic Competition● Oligopoly● The Markets for the Factors of Production● Earnings and Discriminations	
Week 5:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Income Inequality and Poverty● The Theory of Consumer Choice	Final Exam- Friday