



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS

SSC303: INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS

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CREDIT HOURS: 5 CREDITS

INSTRUCTOR:

INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides students with an introduction to microeconomics, focusing on how individuals and firms make decisions in the face of limited resources and unlimited desires. It explores the structure and role of product markets, factor markets, and government interventions aimed at improving economic efficiency and fairness. Key concepts covered include scarcity, supply and demand, market equilibrium, opportunity cost, production possibilities and indifference curves, specialization, comparative advantage, economic profit, various market structures, as well as international trade and its equilibrium dynamics.

TEXT: Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Microeconomics*, Cengage Learning, 7th edition. (2015).

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ASSESSMENTS:

Content

Module Review Quizzes (8)	30%
Homework Assignments (8)	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

COURSE GRADE:

A+ = 97%–100%	C+ = 77%–79%
A = 93%–96%	C = 73%–76%
A– = 90%–92%	C– = 70%–72%
B+ = 87%–89%	D+ = 67%–69%
B = 83%–86%	D = 63%–66%
B– = 80%–82%	D– = 60%–62%
	F = Below 60%

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:**(Subject to change)**

Module/ Units	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment
Module 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review of Mathematical Concepts Required for the Course (Chapter 2– Appendix)➤ Chapter 1. Ten Principles of Economics➤ Chapter 2. Thinking Like an Economist➤ Chapter 3. Interdependence and the Gains from Trade	Assignment 1 Quiz 1
Module 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 4. The Market Forces of Supply and Demand➤ Chapter 5. Elasticity and Its Applications➤ Chapter 6. Supply, Demand, and Government Policies	Assignment 2 Quiz 2
Module 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 7. Policies Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets➤ Chapter 8. Application: The Costs of Taxation➤ Chapter 9. Application: International Trade	Assignment 3 Quiz 3
Module 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 10. Externalities➤ Chapter 11. Public Goods and Common Resources	Assignment 4 Quiz 4 Exam 1
Module 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 13. The Costs of Production➤ Chapter 14. Firms in Competitive Markets➤ Chapter 15. Monopoly	Assignment 5 Quiz 5
Module 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 16. Monopolistic Competition➤ Chapter 17. Oligopoly	Assignment 6 Quiz 6
Module 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 18. The Markets for the Factors of Production➤ Chapter 19. Earnings and Discriminations	Assignment 7 Quiz 7
Module 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Chapter 20. Income Inequality and Poverty➤ Chapter 21. The Theory of Consumer Choice	Assignment 8 Quiz 8 Final Exam