

Economics 108
Principles of Economics
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Time: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 18:00-20:55

Location: Meliora 205

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Please e-mail me to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Course Textbook: *Introduction to Microeconomics* by Alan C. Stockman.

Quizzes, Midterm, Final and Grades: Every Thursday you will be given a problem set. These problems and the questions in the text are good preparation for exams. You do not need to hand them in but you will have a quiz on each following Tuesday. One of the questions in the problem set will be a quiz question. After the quiz, I will go over the problem set in class. There will be four quizzes and the one with the lowest grade will be dropped. You will have one midterm and a final. The quizzes, midterm and final will be administered during the regular class. In determining your course grade, the following weights will be used:

Quiz: 30% (Each of them will be 10%)

Midterm: 30%

Final: 40%

The quiz, midterm and final dates are:

Quiz 1: May 25, Tuesday

Quiz 2: June 1, Tuesday

Midterm: June 8, Tuesday

Quiz 3: June 15, Tuesday

Quiz 4: June 22, Tuesday

Final: June 24, Thursday

Please note that there are no make-up exams.

Course Outline:

This is a rough and tentative outline of what we will be covering in this class. Topics may be added/subtracted as time allows.

Part I: Issues, Methods, Fundamental Tools

1. The Gains from Trade (Chapter 3 and Appendix)
2. Supply and Demand (Chapter 4 and 5)

Part II: Choices and Their Implications

1. Consumer's Behavior (Chapter 10 and Appendices)
2. Firm's Behavior (Chapter 11,12)

Part III: Applying Supply and Demand

- 1 Economic Efficiency and the Gains from Trade (Chapter 9)
- 2 Applied Price Theory, International Trade, Price Controls and Taxes (Chapter 6,7,8)

Part IV: Competition and Strategic Interactions

1. Perfect Competition (Chapter 13)
2. Monopoly (Chapter 14)
3. Game Theory (Chapter 17)

Part V: Selected Topics

1. Environmental Economics and Public Goods (Chapter 21)
2. Economics of Information (Chapter 20)