

### Goals for Course:

While this course will introduce the student to the principles of microeconomics, its ultimate goal is to develop the student's skills of analytical reasoning. Even if the student does not pursue economics or a career in business, these skills are valuable in other pursuits and everyday life. Analytical skills will be honed by the development of theoretical model, reference to statistical information, and the applications of models to real world events.

### Text:

*Microeconomics*, Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, Worth Publishers, 2005

### Grading:

The final course grade will be based upon the following five components:

Graded Homework	10%
First Midterm (9/19)	20%
Second Midterm (10/12)	20%
Third Midterm (11/9)	20%
Final Exam (12/11)	30%

Each exam will be 'curved' and a letter grade (and corresponding numerical value) will be assigned and recorded. These grades are

A	4.00	(3.801 to 4.00)
A-	3.67	(3.501 to 3.80)
B+	3.33	(3.201 to 3.50)
B	3.00	(2.801 to 3.20)
B-	2.67	(2.501 to 2.80)
C+	2.33	(2.201 to 2.50)
C	2.00	(1.801 to 2.20)
C-	1.67	(1.501 to 1.80)
D	1.00	(.801 to 1.50)
F	0.00	(0.00 to .80)

The grade for the homework component is explained below. The third column represents the ranges that will be used to determine the final grade. These ranges may be adjusted upward (not downward) in the determination of the final grade.

After each exam, you will be given an answer sheet to compare your answers to what I have as the correct answer. You may disagree with my answer but I have a simple 24 hour rule –you can object to any answer or grading of your exam but it must be in writing and will be accepted only 24 hours after the exam is given. After you have written to me (email preferable), you may make appointment if my response is not still to your liking.

Midterm exams will be given in class and consequently only University approved absences will be considered for a make up. Any request to change the date of the final must be made prior to Thanksgiving.

### *Homework:*

After each lecture, a homework assignment will be posted on the 'Homework Advantage' website. The homework questions are selected from the questions that appear at the back of each chapter. You will need to complete the homework assignment by the date and time posted on the web site. In all cases, the deadline for completion will be prior to the next lecture (45 hours is the minimum time). Instructions on how to use the 'Homework Advantage' will be given on the first day of class.

After you completed each assignment, you can grade the assignment by clicking the 'GRADE' button. In the case of a wrong answer, the site will provide help to understand why your answer was not correct. After you have completed an assignment and graded it, be sure to exit by clicking the 'QUIT & SAVE' button. You can always examine your grades on the site.

Your grade will be based upon the percentage of the total points you have accumulated over the semester. The following brackets will be used to determine the homework grade:

A	(92.01% to 100%)
A-	(90.01% to 92%)
B+	(87.01% to 90%)
B	(82.01% to 87%)
B-	(80.01% to 82%)
C+	(77.01% to 80%)
C	(72.01% to 77%)
C-	(65.01% to 72%)
D	(50.01% to 65%)
F	(0% to 50%)

### *Honor Code:*

Maintaining the University's Honor Code is a priority for all students and faculty. All responses to exams and homework should reflect the student's own work performed under the guidelines stated for the exam or homework. Consulting with others, looking at other students' answers, and or bringing to the exam unauthorized material are all examples of Honor Code violations on exams. For homework assignments, you are allowed to consult the text but your answers should reflect your own work not the work of a group of students.

Exams will be done in class and will be proctored. However, any student who observes another student violating the Honor Code is obligated to report the violation to the professor. The professor will notify the student alleged of the violation to discuss the situation and determine the appropriate sanction. Most violations of the Honor Code will result in an F being entered for the component of the final grade that the violation has occurred. If the professor and the student can not agree, the violation will be referred to the Department Honor Committee.

### *Office Hours:*

My regular office hours will be from 10 to Noon and 3:30 to 5 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. If you are not available for these times, appointments at other times can be arranged. My office is 404 Decio Hall. You are strongly encouraged to come and talk even if you are not having problems with the material. I can be contacted at 1-5068 (office telephone) or via email at dbetson@nd.edu.

*Class Schedule*  
(Readings are from Krugman/Wells)

*Week 1: Lecture*

8/22 1 Introduction  
Reading: Introduction

8/24 2 Nine Core Principles in Microeconomics  
Reading: Chapter 1

*Week 2:*

8/29 3 Trade-Offs and Trading  
Reading: Chapter 2

8/31 4 Elements of Demand and Supply Analysis  
Reading: Chapter 3

*Week 3:*

9/5 5 Market Interactions  
Reading: Chapter 3

9/7 6 Markets Strike Back (Limitations to Intervention)  
Reading: Chapter 4

*Week 4:*

9/12 7 Elasticity  
Reading: Chapter 5

9/14 Attend Academic Forum on Health  
Assignment: One page summary

*Week 5:*

9/19 First Midterm Exam (Chapters 1 through 5)

9/21 8 Consumer and Producer Surplus  
Reading: Chapter 6

*Week 6:*

9/26 9 Making Decisions  
Reading: Chapter 7

9/28 10 Why are Supply Curves Upward Sloping  
Reading: Chapter 8

*Week 7:*

10/3 11 Perfect Competition and Supply  
Reading: Chapter 9

10/5 12 The Rational Consumer  
Reading: Chapter 10

Week 8:

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| 10/10 | 13 | Consumer Preferences<br>Reading: Chapter 11 |
| 10/12 |    | Second Midterm Exam (Chapters 6 through 11) |

Fall Break

Week 9:

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| 10/24 | 14 | Factor Markets and the Distribution of Income<br>Reading: Chapter 12 |
| 10/26 | 15 | Efficiency and Equity<br>Reading: Chapter 13                         |

Week 10:

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| 10/31 | 16 | Monopoly<br>Reading: Chapter 14  |
| 11/2  | 17 | Oligopoly<br>Reading: Chapter 15 |

Week 11:

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| 11/7 | 18 | Monopolistic Competition and Product Discrimination<br>Reading: Chapter 16 |
| 11/9 |    | Third Midterm Exam (Chapters 12 through 16)                                |

Week 12:

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| 11/14 | 19 | International Trade<br>Reading: Chapter 17 |
| 11/16 | 20 | Externalities<br>Reading: Chapter 19       |

Week 13:

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| 11/21 | 21 | Public Goods<br>Reading: Chapter 20 |
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Thanksgiving Break

Week 14:

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| 11/28 | 22 | Taxation<br>Reading: Chapter 21                                     |
| 11/30 | 23 | Social Insurance and Redistribution Policies<br>Reading: Chapter 21 |

Week 15:

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| 12/5 | 24 | Final Remarks and Preparation for Final Exam |
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12/11 (Monday) – 10:30 AM Final Examination (Cumulative)