ECON 2306: Introduction to Microeconomics  
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Syllabus

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Class Expectations:

1. I expect that you will read this syllabus and abide by the information in it. Continuation in this class implies that you have read this syllabus and agree to the terms within.

2. I expect that you will come to class prepared to discuss the material, which was assigned in the schedule.

3. I expect academic integrity. Cheating on exams, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in the severest possible manner. It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts." (Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

4. I expect you to be here on exam days. The only excuse will be a prior arrangement. If you miss an exam for any other reason then that exam will be made up by the optional cumulative section on the final. The ONLY exception will be a note from a doctor saying that you have an illness that is communicable to others in the class. If you have the flu or some other contagious illness you will be allowed to make up the exam if you have a doctor's note saying that you were informed to stay away from class in order to not infect others. Other medical excuses will not allow a special make up and you will need to make up the missed exam by taking the optional section on the final. That is what that section is for.
5. All assignments are to be handed in by 11:00 pm of the day they are due. No electronic copies will be accepted. Twenty percent of the value of the assignment will be deducted for every day the assignment is late.

6. You should expect me to be prepared for the class.

7. You should expect to gain a basic understanding of elementary models of the micro-economy as well as an understanding theoretical reasoning behind firm and individual behavior.

8. At the end of this class you as the student should be able to do the following (Student Learning Outcomes)
   - Use supply and demand to answer questions on economic topics.
   - Explain the theory of consumer behavior that helps to explain demand.
   - Explain the theory of the firm that serves to explain supply.
   - Explain differing market models including perfect competition and monopoly.

University Policies:
Drop Policy:
The last day to drop is October 31st. Absolutely no late drops are allowed.

Student Support Services Available:
The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

Electronic Communication:
UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

Student Feedback Survey:
At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather,
tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

Final Review Week:
A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Text:
The text for this class is Microeconomics: Brief Edition by McConnell, Brue and Flynn. This book will be essential in understanding the concepts discussed in class. Secondary requirements will be to maintain a good understanding of the issues in the current media. My recommendation for a source on this is to read Business Week, some other news magazine, or the Wall Street Journal or New York Times. Please note you may record my lectures for personal use however I reserve the copyrights on all materials, including recorded lectures, for this class. Reproduction of my materials, for uses outside of class purposes, is forbidden without prior written consent from me.

Grading:
Grading will be in the following form:

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I reserve the right to lower these boundaries but I will never raise them. Any disputes on grading shall be brought to my attention within one week of having the item handed back to the class. You may bring such disputes verbally or in written form.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.
Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability. Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

This class will have the following ways to achieve points:

1. There will be 3 exams each worth 100 points. These three exams are scheduled in the syllabus.

2. There will also be a final in two sections.
   - Section one will be worth 20 points and you must take this section. Section one will be evaluative questions that should be simple to answer for anybody taking this class.
   - Section two will be worth 100 points and will be cumulative. This cumulative section can be used to replace your lowest exam score. This cumulative section can ONLY replace the lowest exam score it will not replace any other assignment. If you miss a test for any non-prearranged reason (with the one exception listed under class expectations) the cumulative section will replace that test score.

3. There will be 3 homework sets each worth 50 points. These sets are intended to be tools to assist you in the preparation for the exams.

4. There will be 30 points given on different days merely for incentive purposes. These points may be given out by asking you to turn in an article review or by any other activity I choose.

5. There will be no opportunities for extra credit for individuals in this class. I may give extra credit on a class day and if for some reason you are not in class and do not have a written excuse that is your loss. Beyond this, if you do not do well on the exams and homework, special dispensations will not be allowed. If you want to pass and do well in this class be sure to work hard now.

Class Schedule:

August
23 Introductions.

28 Chapter 1: Limits, Alternatives and Choices.
30 Chapter 2: The Market System and the Circular flow. (*Homework 1 handed out*)

September
4 Finish chapter 2. Start chapter 3 Demand Supply and Market Equilibrium.
6 Finish Chapter 3.

11 Chapter 4: Elasticities of Supply and Demand. (*Homework 1 Due*)
13 Finish Chapter 4.

18 Catch up and Review.
20 Test 1.
27 Chapter 6: Costs of Production.

October
2 Finish Chapter 6. (Homework 2 handed out)
4 Chapter 7: Pure Competition.

9 Finish Chapter 7.
11 Chapter 8: Pure Monopoly. (Homework 2 Due)

16 Finish Chapter 8.
18 Catch up and Review.

23 Test 2
25 Chapter 9: Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly.

30 Finish Chapter 9.
October 31st is last day to drop the class

November
1 Chapter 10: Wage Determination. (Homework 3 handed out)

6 Finish Chapter 10. Start Chapter 11: Income Inequality and Poverty.
8 Finish Chapter 11.

13 Chapter 12: International Trade and Exchange Rates. (Homework 3 Due)
15 Finish Chapter 12.

20 Catch up and Review.
22 Thanksgiving (no class)

27 Test 3
29 Chapter 5: Public Goods and Externalities

December
4 Finish Chapter 5.

Final: Thursday December 11th from 2pm until 4:30pm. Doors will close at 2:05pm and you will not be allowed to take the test if you are late. Be here on time.