

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY – SPRING SEMESTER 2013 - COURSE DATA SHEET

CLASS: Econ 103 - Microeconomic Principles
Section 003 – Enterprise Hall, Room 80 – Wednesday Evening - 7:20 – 10:00 PM

REQUIRED TEXT: *Microeconomics, 10th Edition; Michael Parkin;*
Pearson Education, Inc. Publishing as Addison-Wesley; (Paperback).

INSTRUCTOR: Elmer C. Holt, Jr. - On **ultra-important** matters (such as an emergency causing you to possibly miss a test), I may be reached at (571) 212-3099 before 9:30 P.M. On other matters, use eholtjr@gmu.edu or **preferably, see me before class.**

OFFICE HOURS: Before class 6:20 – 7:20 PM. If space available, help sessions will be held in our classroom, Enterprise 80, when no meetings with students are scheduled. Other meetings with students will be arranged as needed/requested.

GRADES: Final Grades will be determined on the basis of the student's performance in the following areas:
Interim Exams - Three of equal weight (25% each) 75%
Final Exam 25%

KEY DATES: 23 January 2013 – First Day of Class for Econ 103, Section 003 at GMU
29 January 2013 - Last Day to drop without tuition liability & Last Day to Add Classes
20 February 2013- **Interim Exam #1** - Chapters 1 thru 6, including Ch 1 Appendix
22 February 2013 - Last Day to Drop without Dean's permission
13 March 2013 – NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK
20 March 2013 – Mid-Term Grades Posted (based upon graded worked to date)
27 March 2013 - **Interim Exam #2** – Chapters 7 through 12
24 April 2013 - **Interim Exam #3** – Chapters 13 thru 19
1 May 2013 – Last Class – Return Test #3 and review for Final
8 May 2013 – **Final Exam (Wednesday) covers all work to date** (7:30 to 10:00 PM)
13 May 2013 – Course Grades Posted On Patriot Web

NOTES: All Interim Exams will be held during the regular class period.
Dates are Tentative; actual dates will be announced in class.

Supplemental Materials – PowerPoint slides for the 9th Edition can be obtained at http://wps.aw.com/aw_parkin_microecon_9 under “Student Resources” select PowerPoint.

TESTS: Although it is my preference that interim and final exams should be comprised of short answer and/or brief essay questions, unfortunately, due to the size of the class, all exams in this class will be multiple-choice. Your answers to the multiple-choice questions will be indicated on Scantron forms provided by the student. These forms are available for sale at the University bookstore. Form No. 882-E is preferred.

Well in advance of the first interim exam, I will make available a sample test so that the student will be familiar with the form and structure of representative questions. These sample tests will be distributed by e-mail. **An announcement will be made in class as to when such materials will be available.**

TEST MATERIALS: During all exams, the only materials allowed are:

1. Calculator 2. Straight Edge or Ruler 3. #2 Pencil(s) 4. Scantron Form (provided by student)

HELP SESSIONS PRIOR TO CLASS – To the extent space is available, voluntary help sessions will be held immediately before class on most class days in our assigned classroom (Enterprise 80), **typically from 6:20 to 7:20 PM on Wednesday**. These sessions give the student an opportunity to ask questions and review material previously covered. Announcement will be made in class once space availability is determined.

MAKE A FRIEND IN CLASS - This is important! Unless you already know one or more persons in the class, it will be in your self-interest to exchange names, phone numbers, and e-mails with another member or two of the class. This will give you a point of contact to find out what you missed if you are absent from class, comparing notes, or studying for exams, as well as **CONFIRMING THE ACTUAL DATES OF INTERIM EXAMS - SINCE THE DATES GIVEN ON THE COURSE DATA SHEET ARE ONLY TENTATIVE!**

POLICY ON SHARING KNOWLEDGE: As you learned during childhood, it is GOOD to share and BAD to steal. You also may have been taught it is better to give than to receive. A distinction must be made when it comes to exercising these virtues during an exam in this class. Your instructor considers it unacceptable behavior to share knowledge or be a recipient of such information during any of the exams or quizzes that may be given. Anyone who elects not to respect this policy shall be dropped from our class and be subject to whatever further punishment and disgrace as deemed appropriate by the Honor Committee.

On each exam or quiz, the student will be required to write and sign the honor pledge: "I have neither given nor received aid on this exam."

KEEPING UP WITH YOUR ASSIGNMENTS: Due to the fact that this class meets only once a week, we are obviously covering more material per class than the routine two to three times a week class. However, we will be covering the same amount of material. Thus, it is imperative that you keep up with the rest of the class by reading the assigned chapters before coming to class. This will allow you to follow the lectures and ask thoughtful questions. Since this material does not lend itself to an all-night session before the exam, the relative value of each interim exam and the final exam has been kept low enough that a "home-run" in the bottom of the ninth will not win the ball game for you.

ALTHOUGH THE CLASS IS LARGE, QUESTIONS WILL STILL BE ENTERTAINED, AS APPROPRIATE. Additionally, students are encouraged to share any "Economics in the News" with the rest of the class and visit sites such as Econ4U.org to supplement your learning.

Have Fun, and Learn Plenty!