

ECONOMICS 1100.020, 1100.812, 1100.891
PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS
Tues/Thur 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM, ENV 110

Instructor: Michael McPherson	Email: mcperson@unt.edu	Office: 220G Hickory Hall
Phone: 940-565-2270	Office Hours: T 2 – 3:30, W 10 – 1, R 8 – 9:20 & By Appointment	

Course Textbooks and Other Materials

Required Workbook: Microeconomics Workbook: Principles and Practice (2013-15 ed.; green cover)

You must bring your workbook to every class meeting. You will have unannounced quizzes and homework assignments from your workbook throughout the semester.

You will also need sharp number 2 pencils and a **nonprogrammable** calculator. You may not use your cell phone or any other electronic device in place of a nonprogrammable calculator.

Course Purpose, Goals and Objectives

This course serves as an introduction to business organization and the market economy. The techniques of economic analysis will be used to examine models of consumer behavior and producer behavior.

Once developed, these tools of analysis will be applied to current economic situations.

Grading Policy

Your final grade in this course will be determined from your grades on exams, quizzes, homework, and other in-class and take-home assignments. The maximum points for each category are: 400 points from semester exams (two 50 minute exams worth 200 points each), 150 points from homework assignments, 150 points from quizzes, essays, and other assignments, and 300 points from the comprehensive departmental final exam. The final course grade is based on 1000 possible points and will be assigned according to the following scale:

A = 1000 – 900

C = 799 – 700

F = 599 or below

B = 899 – 800

D = 699 – 600

A grade of incomplete will be assigned only for authorized and excused absences and with a time limit for completion of course material.

Examination Policy

Exam dates and the chapters and/or pages to be covered are listed on page 3. Exams will be returned in class, but I reserve the right to recollect them and keep them on file. **You must bring a UNT student identification card, a non-programmable calculator, and a number 2 pencil to each exam. YOU MUST PRESENT A VALID UNT STUDENT ID AND WRITE YOUR 8-DIGIT UNT STUDENT ID NUMBER ON YOUR EXAM TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THAT EXAM.**

THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. The missed points may be made up on the final exam only with my approval. If you miss a 50 minute exam, you must **notify me immediately and then present written documentation of a University excused absence within two (2) weeks of the absence or receive a zero for that exam.**

Final Exam - Comprehensive

The final exam is comprehensive and is worth 300 points. It will be given on Saturday, December 7th, at 2:00 p.m., in accordance with University policy. The location of the final exam will be announced **in class** and posted on Blackboard at a later date.

Homework, Quizzes, Essays and Other Assignments

Homework assignments will generally be taken directly from the workbook. Homework assignments will not be accepted for a grade unless completed according to my directions. Homework is only accepted when called for during class. If you have an emergency or circumstances that prevent you from being at class to turn in your homework, contact me for instructions.

Quizzes may be unannounced and may be taken directly from the workbook. **If you do not have your workbook and a number 2 pencil with you the day of a quiz, you may receive a zero for that quiz.** You must come prepared to every class meeting.

Other assignments, such as in-class essays and outside writing assignments, will be given during the semester. Detailed instructions will be given in class or on Blackboard. All assignments must be completed and submitted for grading according to the directions given in class and/or on Blackboard.

Any graded work not completed and submitted according to my directions must have my approval to be considered excused. If the absence is excused, the missed work must be completed according to my directions.

Attendance Policy

Class attendance will significantly increase your chances for a better understanding of economics and a better grade. Additionally, unannounced quizzes and graded work which you might miss by failing to attend may lower your grade.

Classroom Conduct: Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with the Instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the Instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr

Personal Electronics Policy

You may not have any personal electronic communications or other devices turned on during class without prior permission from me. **This includes laptops, tablets, MP3s, and cell phones.** I will tell any student using any electronic device during class to turn it off and put it away.

Email Etiquette

I check my email at mcperson@unt.edu daily Monday through Friday when UNT is open during the semester. I can also be messaged via Blackboard. Only emails in which you give your name, class, and section number will be answered. The course and section number should be in the subject line of your email to ensure that it gets through and will be opened. Email correspondence should be appropriate and should not contain requests for handouts, notes, grades, etc. to be sent or faxed to you, and should never be a request to treat your coursework and grade differently than what is outlined on this syllabus. Inappropriate emails and student requests will be forwarded to the appropriate campus administrator.

Miscellaneous

To contact me, please call or visit during the office hours listed on the first page of this syllabus. You may also contact me via email (see above).

Outside of office hours, you can receive assistance at the Econ Help Center in Wooten Hall Room 320. The Help Center will be open weekdays beginning the second full week of classes.

Copyrights

Class lectures are protected by state common law and federal copyrights. They are the original expression of the Instructor and may be recorded at the same time as delivered in order to secure protection. Whereas, you are authorized to take notes in class thereby creating a derivative of the lecture, the authorization extends only to making one set of notes for your PERSONAL USE. You are not authorized to record lectures or to make commercial use of them without the Instructor's prior express written permission.

Important University Dates

September 2 – Labor Day – no classes

November 6 – Last day to drop a course with instructor consent

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes

Examination Dates

**Exam I (Ch. 1 - 5) Tuesday, October 1, for TR classes
Wednesday, October 2, for MWF classes**

**Exam II (Ch. 6 - 11) Tuesday, November 5, for TR classes
Wednesday, November 6, for MWF classes**

**Final Exam (Comprehensive through Ch. 15) Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. for
all classes**

*****DO NOT CALL THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT FOR GRADES; TEST RESULTS AND GRADES MAY NOT BE GIVEN OUT BY THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT MAIN OFFICE PERSONNEL OR GIVEN OVER THE PHONE*****

Course Outline – Fall Semester

Class Week	Text Material Covered:
1	Chapters 1
2	Chapters 2, 3
3	Chapter 3, 4
4	Chapter 4
5	Chapter 5
6	Exam 1; Chapter 6
7	Chapter 7, 8
8	Chapters 8, 9
9	Chapters 9, 10
10	Chapter 11
11	Exam 2; Chapter 12
12	Chapters 13
13	Chapters 14
14	Chapter 15
15	Review for Comprehensive Final

The Final Exam is Saturday, December 7th, at 2:00 pm in accordance with University policy.

Cheating and Plagiarism

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University's Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the complete policy, go to www.vpaa.unt.edu

Cheating: The use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments;
2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments;
3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

Plagiarism: Use of another's thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student's intent, including but not limited to:

1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.

Disability Accommodation

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

The Economics Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have not registered with ODA, we encourage you to do so. Please present your written accommodation request on or before the 4th class day.