

## **Principles of Microeconomics – Econ 2010-010**

Syllabus, Fall 2013

Credits-3

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**Lecture Hours:** Tuesday/Thursday, 10:45 am - 12:05 pm, M Lib 1150.

**Office Hours:** Tuesday/Thursday 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm or by Appointment.

**Course Objective:** The objective of the course is to introduce students to the basic concepts of microeconomics, how households and firms make decisions and interact in markets. The microeconomic theories of consumer and producer behaviour will be presented and critically evaluated. The theoretical models will be juxtaposed with observed real world economic phenomena as a basis for public policy recommendation.

**Teaching Methods:** Regular Lectures, Case Studies and Discussions

**Text:** Principles of Microeconomics, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition by N. Gregory Mankiw, South-Western, 2010

**Chapters Covered:** 1-2, 4-7, 10-11, 13-17, We may also study chapters 21-22 if time permits

**Canvas:** I will post the lecture slides on Canvas. I will also upload relevant parts which are not included in the prescribed text.

### **Grading and Exam Dates:**

Homework Assignments	30% of the grade.
Midterm exam	30% of the grade.
Final exam	40% of the grade.

Both the midterm and the final exam are closed notes and in-class exams. The final exam will be non-cumulative.

The exams will include objective type questions, short-answer questions as well a longer essay-type question.

**Make Up Policy:** There will be no make-up exams except in extreme cases. In such cases, appropriate documentation must be presented and the make-up exam time must be arranged with the instructor.

**Course Schedule:**

	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Week 1	Introduction	Chapters 1-2
Week 2-6	How Markets Work+ Welfare	Chapters 4-7
	Economics of the Public Sector	Chapters 10-11
October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Review for Midterm Exam	
October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Midterm Examination	
Week 8-13	Theory of the Firm	Chapters 13-14
	Monopoly, Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly	Chapters 15-17
	Advanced Topics*	Chapters 21-22
December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Review for Final Exam	
December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Final Examination	

\* If time permits

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