

ECON 306-DL1: Intermediate Microeconomics

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1 Course Description

Basic factors of price and distribution theory: analysis of demand, costs of production and supply relationships, and price and output determination under various market structures. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: ECON 103 and 104 and MATH 108 or 113.

2 Required Texts

Browning & Zupan, *Microeconomics: Theory & Applications* (12th or 13th ed.)

Additional readings may be assigned throughout the semester.

3 University and Class Policies

3.1 Office Hours

I highly encourage you to meet me over Zoom if you have any questions or concerns. Please [email me](#) to schedule a time. NOTE: You must use your Mason email account for all University communications.

3.2 Honor Code

The George Mason University Honor Code is as follows:

To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University Community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set for this Honor Code: Student Members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.

I expect each of you to abide by this code. Any student suspected of any violation will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

3.3 Disability Accommodations

Disability Services at George Mason University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students by upholding the laws that ensure equal treatment of people with disabilities. If you are seeking accommodations for this class, please first visit <http://ds.gmu.edu/> for detailed information about the Disability Services registration process. Then please discuss your approved accommodations with me. Disability Services is located in Student Union Building I (SUB I), Suite 2500. Email: ods@gmu.edu — Phone: (703) 993-2474

4 Grades

4.1 Introduction Assignment (2%)

In order to check the Respondus LockDown Browser, you must complete this short assignment, found under the Assessments tab on Blackboard, that will ask you to write your name and whether you have any difficulty using Respondus or accessing course materials on Blackboard. You must complete it before the first exam to ensure a smooth testing experience.

4.2 Homework Assignments (48%)

You are responsible for the readings and lecture material we cover. There will be a homework assignment each week consisting of a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, or graph drawing questions. They are due by 11:59 PM every Sunday night, except the exam weeks. Each assignment is worth 4% of your course grade; I will drop the lowest grade out of 13.

Grade	Percent
A+	97 - 100%
A	93 - 96.99
A-	90 - 92.99
B+	87 - 89.99
B	83 - 86.99
B-	80 - 82.99
C+	77 - 79.99
C	73 - 76.99
C-	70 - 72.99
D	60 - 69.99
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4.3 Exams (50%)

The exams are closed note and will be conducted online using the Respondus LockDown Browser with webcam turned on. No unauthorized aids may be used for these exams. The exam will open on the dates listed below and close at midnight. You may start the exam at any time during the day, but once you start, you will only have *two hours* to complete each exam. The exams are cumulative, but with focus placed on more recent sections. The week before each exam is left open for each of you to review and prepare for the exam. Feel free to email me if you have any questions about any of the material covered.

There will be no make-up exams, no exceptions. If you have an accommodation from the University excusing a missed exam, I will re-weight your other grades to compensate. If there is some ongoing issue that may prevent you from taking or completing the exam on time, contact me immediately. The two Midterm exams are 15% each and the Final exam is 20% of your course grade.

5 Schedule

Because this course is asynchronous, you have greater flexibility in how you want to approach this class. The schedule below shows which readings I will cover in my weekly lecture and what you are expected to know before each quiz. I highly recommend you read any textbook chapters not covered on this syllabus, but they are not required.

Please visit the [Registrar's website](#) to see the full University schedule.

Week 1 - Aug 21:

Chapter 1

Week 2 - Aug 28:

Chapter 2

Week 3 - Sep 4:

Chapter 3

Week 4 - Sep 11:

Chapter 4

Week 5 - Sep 18:

Chapter 5

Week 6 - Sep 25:

1st Exam (Oct 1)

Week 7 - Oct 2:

Chapter 7

Week 8 - Oct 9:

Chapter 8

Week 9 - Oct 16:

Chapters 9 & 10

Week 10 - Oct 23:

Chapters 11 & 12

Week 11 - Oct 30:

2nd Exam (Nov 5)

Week 12 - Nov 6:

Chapter 13 & 15

Week 13 - Nov 13:

Chapter 16

Week 14 - Nov 20:

Chapters 17 & 18

Week 15 - Nov 27:

Chapter 20 & Hayek (1945)
"The Use of Knowledge in Society"

Week 16 - Dec 11:

Final Exam (Dec 13)