

Syllabus: Economics 100C

Spring 2011, Sections B00 and C00

April 4, 2011

Times and Places

Lecture B00:	TuTh 8:00-9:20am	Center 119
Lecture C00:	TuTh 9:30-10:50am	Warren Lecture Hall 2111
Section A01:	M 7:00-7:50pm	Center 109
Section A02:	M 8:00-8:50pm	Center 109
Section B01:	F 8:00-8:50am	York 2622
Section B02:	F 9:00-9:50am	Pepper Canyon Hall 106
Section C01:	W 7:00-7:50pm	Peter 102
Section C02:	W 8:00-8:50pm	Peter 102

Lectures will also be podcast and made available at <http://podcast.ucsd.edu/>. You are welcome to attend TA discussion sections for any section of the course.

Contact Information

Title	Name	email	Office Hours
Professor	Paul Niehaus	pniehaus@ucsd.edu	Wednesday 8:00-9:00am, Econ 322
Head TA	William Leung	w2leung@ucsd.edu	M 11:15am-12:15pm, Econ 123
TA	Heea Jung	hej001@ucsd.edu	Tu 2:20-3:20pm, Sequoyah 227
TA	Michael Whither	mwither@ucsd.edu	Th 12:30-1:30pm, Sequoyah 228
TA	Erin Troland	etroland@ucsd.edu	M 9:30-10:30am, Sequoyah 237
TA	Matthew Goldman	mrgoldman@ucsd.edu	W 1:00-2:00pm, Econ 112
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You are welcome to attend office hours for any of the TAs. The TAs will also monitor the discussion boards on WebCT and answer questions about course content there. If you prefer to ask a private question about course content please use the course email address, econ100c@gmail.com, which will also be monitored daily. Note that both resources are shared across lecture sections, so please note your section in all your correspondence.

Content

This course is the third of three courses in microeconomics and will build on the material presented in Economics 100A and 100B. You need to have taken the prerequisite courses listed in the UCSD catalog. The topics covered include imperfect competition, imperfect information, externalities and public goods. The course emphasizes mathematical analysis in developing the theory but will also frequently reference real-world applications.

The required text is *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus* (Perloff). You are responsible for the material in the assigned parts of the text. A companion website for the text is available at http://wps.aw.com/aw_perloff_microcalc_1/ and has useful study material and interesting applications and extensions. We will cover the following topics:

1. Review of Perfect Competition (Chapters 3-5, 8-10)
2. Monopoly (Chapter 11)
3. Pricing Strategies (Chapter 12)
4. Game Theory (Chapter 14)
5. Oligopoly (Chapter 13)
6. Externalities and Public Goods (Chapter 17)
7. Economics of Information (Chapters 18 & 19)

Evaluation

There will be three exams: two midterms and one final. Each midterm will be worth 25% of your grade and the final will be worth 50% of your grade. Midterms will cover incremental material while the final will be cumulative (but will place a heavier emphasis on material from the last third of the course). Exams are scheduled for the following dates and will not be offered at any alternative times:

- Midterm 1: 14 April, in class, 1 hour
- Midterm 2: 10 May, in class, 1 hour
- Final exam: Section B00 is on Thursday 09 June at 8:00am, location TBA, 2 hours. Section C00 is on Tuesday 07 June at 8:00am, location TBA, 2 hours.

Note: If you miss a midterm for a documented, university approved reason (i.e., illness), then the remaining midterm will count for 33% of your grade and the final for 67%. If you miss a midterm for any other reason you will receive a zero. No one will be allowed to start an exam after the first person leaves it. You will not be graded on attendance but of course are responsible for the announcements made and material presented during lecture.

Practice Problem Sets and TA Sections

Practice problem sets will be posted approximately weekly on WebCT. They will not be graded and you do not need to turn them in. However, you are strongly urged to attempt all assigned problems. The exams will require that you can solve a variety of analytical problems in a limited amount of time. The best way to succeed in this class is to thoroughly practice solving problems, as well as to read the textbook and review the lecture notes and examples given in class.

The TAs will use discussion sections to answer questions and go over solutions to the most recent problem set. The topics discussed in lecture on Tuesday and Thursday of a given week will be discussed in section on the Friday of that week and on the Monday and Wednesday of the following week. Solutions to the problem sets will be posted once the discussion sections for that problem set have completed. Consequently the sections will be most useful to you if you have already attempted the problem set on your own first.

Administrative Issues

1. UCSD now has automated waitlists. If you have any questions regarding adding the class please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245. After the University add deadline, students with extraordinary circumstances or with documentation of a university error may petition the Department of Economics to add the course. (Extraordinary circumstances do not include, however: not being added from the waitlist, forgetting to add the course, etc.) Students with an extraordinary circumstance may submit a completed petition, with a written explanation (and documentation, if applicable) to Sequoyah Hall 245.
2. If you choose to use a laptop to takes notes during the lecture, please sit in the back row. No other use of electronic devices is allowed during class.
3. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will earn a failing grade for the course. In addition to this academic sanction, the Council of Deans of Student Affairs will also impose a disciplinary penalty. For UCSD policy, please see <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>.
4. You will only need your student ID and a pen or pencil for exams. You will be provided with paper and do not need to bring bluebooks. Exams are closed-book, closed-notes and you will not be allowed to use calculators or carry cell phones.
5. Regrade requests are only permitted if you took the entire exam in pen. If you believe that an exam has not been properly graded, you must first discuss this with the TA who graded the relevant part of the exam. If after talking to the TA, you would like to have your exam regraded, you must submit a regrade request to me within 7 days from when exams were first returned to the class. You must explain clearly in writing why you believe your score is in error. If you request a regrade, I may regrade your entire exam and your score could go up or down.