

ECONOMICS 100C: MICROECONOMICS C

Winter 2022, Sections A00, B00, C00

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Office hour: Monday 2 – 4 pm on Zoom (link in Canvas)

I hope that the information in this syllabus won't need to be revised, but given the uncertain times that we are going through, we may need to make some adjustments as we move along. In order to make this course work in this unusual quarter we will need everyone's help!

The time referenced in this syllabus is in Pacific time zone.

Class Meetings

Lecture A00 MWF 11:00-11:50 am, PCYNH 240

Lecture B00 MWF 12:00-12:50 pm, PCYNH 240

Lecture C00 MWF 1:00-1:50 pm, PCYNH 240

Discussion A01 W 9:00-9:50 am, RWAC 0103

Discussion B01 F 9:00-9:50 am, RWAC 0103

Discussion C01 F 2:00-2:50pm, RWAC 0103

Lectures and discussion sections will be exclusively on Zoom (the link is found under "Zoom LTI PRO" in Canvas) for the first two weeks (January 3 to 17). All lectures and discussion sections will be recorded and posted on Canvas, "Media Gallery" (even after we return to in-person instruction).

Piazza

We will stay engaged through the discussion board on Piazza, where you can ask questions, submit comments, and help each other on the material covered in class. I will constantly monitor Piazza to answer your questions. Please post your question concerning the class material on Piazza instead of emailing me or the TA, so everyone can benefit from the question and answer. You can access the class Piazza page at:

https://piazza.com/ucsd/winter2022/econ100c_wi22/home

Course Overview

Microeconomics is the science of markets. In this course we will study various aspects of markets: monopoly, pricing strategy, game theory, oligopoly, externalities, and public goods.

We will examine the interplay between the individual optimizing behavior, the market equilibrium outcome, and the resulting market efficiency/inefficiency.

Textbook (optional)

Varian, Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus.

The textbook is for supplemental reading and is optional.

You can **opt in** to the Inclusive Access program by **January 15th, 2022** to access the textbook at a special reduced price.

For any questions about billing please contact textbooks@ucsd.edu.

For any questions about using your eBook please reference RedShelf Solve.

To opt in:

- Click the RedShelf link in Canvas
- Click View Course Materials
- Select "OPT-IN to Course Materials"

Teaching Assistants

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There are also Supplemental Instruction sessions led by

- Irene Jiang, Tuesday 7:30-8:50pm, and Thursday 4:30-5:50pm. Zoom link: <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/95583038258>
- Yuki Hata, Wednesday 1-2:20pm, and Thursday 2-3:20pm (in-person). Zoom link: <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/97326182560>

For more information, please see:

<https://aah.ucsd.edu/supplemental-instruction/si-sg-schedule.html>

Evaluation

There are three exams: two midterms and a final. Additionally, there are seven homework, which are graded for **completeness only**. You get full credit on the homework if you submit an attempted solution, regardless of its correctness. Be sure to go over the posted solution and attend/watch the discussion sections, so you are prepared for the exams which are graded for correctness.

Late homework submission is worth 70% of the original points.

Each midterm exam counts for 25% of your grade, the final exam counts for 30%, and the homework counts for 20%. Half of the weight on Midterm 1 and/or Midterm 2 can be transferred to the Final, so here are there alternative grading schemes:

Alternative #1: Midterm 1: 12.5%, Midterm 2: 25%, Final 42.5%, Homework: 20%.

Alternative #2: Midterm 1: 25%, Midterm 2: 12.5%, Final 42.5%, Homework: 20%.

Alternative #3: Midterm 1: 12.5%, Midterm 2: 12.5%, Final 55%, Homework: 20%.

When determining your grade I will automatically use the best of the four possible grading schemes.

Exam formats and dates

If we return to in-person instruction, then the exams will be in-person (location TBA); if not we will do remote exams.

The exams will be closed-book, closed-notes

- You can have one cheatsheet (can write on both sides)
- You should bring a calculator
 - o Only simple calculators allowed
 - o No graphing calculators
 - o No tablets, phones, computers, nor any other communications device

Regardless of the exam format (in-person or remote), the exam dates are:

- Midterm 1 is on Saturday 01/29/2022, 12:00-1:20pm.
- Midterm 2 is on Saturday 02/26/2022, 12:00-1:20pm.
- Final exam is on Saturday 03/19/2022, 3:00-5:59pm.

Administrative Issues

- (1) If you have a documented disability, please send an email to Gabriela Ray (gray@ucsd.edu) including your documentation, and we will work on your accommodations.
- (2) **There will be no makeup exams.** If you have to miss a midterm **for a medical or other university approved reason**, the weight of that exam will be allocated to the final. In that case, you will need to provide proof of your situation. The weights will not be reallocated for any other reason.
- (3) **Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.** Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Academic Integrity Coordinator. In addition to the penalties imposed by the Academic Integrity Review Board, I also reserve the

right to fail students found guilty of academic misconduct. Finally, I reserve the right to give an oral test if I feel it is necessary to uphold academic integrity.

- (4) If you have to miss the final exams for a medical or other university approved reason, you will receive an "Incomplete" and you can take the final exam offered by a faculty member teaching the same course in the following quarter (the score will substitute).