ECON 3020-01: Intermediate Microeconomics
MW: 11AM-12:15PM in BU208

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Prerequisites: ECON 1010, 1020, MATH 2200 or 2350.

Course Description: In this course you will learn to use math and rigorous analytical techniques to analyze microeconomic models. The topics will include: markets, consumer theory, producer theory, oligopoly, market power, perfectly competitive markets. Intermediate Microeconomics is the more rigorous and analytical version of the Principles of Microeconomics. The course covers a broad range of topics because Intermediate microeconomics is a prerequisite to most economics elective courses.

Course Objectives: The main objective of this course is to develop thorough understanding of the main topics and methods used in microeconomics.

Required Textbook: Microeconomics by Goolsbee, Levitt, and Syverson

Grading Policy: the final letter grade you will receive will be based on the following scale:
A>540>B>480>C>420>D>360
Your grade will be determined based on the following components:

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The due dates for the assignments and the dates of the exams are listed on the course schedule

Active reading assignments and homeworks Are due on my desk before the beginning of the class. Late homeworks will not be graded. If you have a university excuse for missing the class, make sure to arrange submitting the homework before the missed class.

Exams All exams will be comprehensive. All exams will consist of short-answer questions. You may use a non-programmable calculator only. There will be no make-up tests given in the course.

Midterm exams The two mid-term tests will be 65 minutes long, and take place in class on the dates listed. If you miss a test you will be assigned a grade of zero.

The final exam is required for all students. The location of the test will be determined at a later date. Failure to take the final will result in letter grade F for the course.
Missed exams will be credited with grade of zero. There are no makeups for any of the exams. If a student has a university excuse for the absence, the student will be given a chance to make up the grade on a subsequent comprehensive exam (usually the final). For example, if a student misses Midterm #2 and has a properly documented university excuse his/her grade will be replaced with the corresponding grade from the final. That is if the student gets 85% on the final, the grade for midterm #2 will be 85% of the possible points.

Online self-quizzes

Late assignments will not be accepted in this course and will be assigned a grade of zero unless you have an excuse from the Office of Student Life or other source as deemed acceptable by the instructor. If a student has an excuse for being absent on the due day the student has to finish the assignment before the due day.

Attendance and participation You are expected to attend ALL classes. There are 60 points for attendance and participation. Perfect attendance and consistent participation will earn 60 points. Perfect attendance and no participation will earn 30 points. I will post intermediate attendance grades around the first midterm so that everyone has a chance to improve and make up lost points.

E-mail communication policy: all students are responsible for maintaining a valid e-mail address in MyEconLab and WyoWeb.

- Instructor will reply to e-mails during regular working hours when there is no conflict with other research, teaching, or service commitments.
- Please identify yourself as an ECON1010 student in the subject of the e-mail to facilitate prompt communication.
- Not all questions can be effectively addressed in an e-mail. In some cases instructor will recommend that the student attends the office hour.

Exceptions to this syllabus. Life happens and there might be extraordinary circumstances when an exception to this syllabus may be granted by the instructor. It is crucial that these exceptions are documented in time. Otherwise they will not be honored.

No email – did not happen policy All exceptions to this syllabus have to be documented in a written or e-mail exchange between the instructor and the student prior to the date of the exception. This includes but not limited to arranging make-up work for assignments due to sickness, late submissions due to unavoidable circumstances, missing due dates because of other university or athletic commitments etc. Requests for exceptions to this syllabus after the due date and time will not be granted under any circumstances.

Group Work Policy: Working in groups while solving homework problems and preparing for the tests is encouraged, but each student must submit his or her individual and distinct answer for homework assignments. Any academic dishonesty will minimally result in a “F” grade for that particular assignment and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent University Regulations allow. For more information, please refer to the academic dishonesty section below.

Classroom Decorum: UNIREG 29, Change 1, states that the student has obligations as well as rights in the classroom. Your obligations in this include the following:

- Arriving to class on time. If you continually interrupt the class with late arrival you will be asked to withdraw from the course.
- Acting in a mature manner conducive to enhancing a learning atmosphere. You are expected to limit talking or other actions and devices (including eating in class or the use of mobile communications devices for email or communication, including cell-phones) that might disturb or otherwise distract others, including the professor.
You are also expected to not interrupt other students in any way if they are asking questions or making comments to the instructor and class. Please take these obligations seriously.

You are expected to come to class fully prepared, having completed all assigned readings and work assignments and willing to participate in classroom discussion.

In return for your honoring these commitments, as the instructor in this class, I pledge

- To treat each of you fairly and with respect, and answer any and all questions to the best of my ability.
- Make myself available to help you outside of class if needed, including outside of office hours if necessary.
- To arrive on-time and well-prepared for class. I will also notify you of any class cancellations with as much advance warning as possible.
- I will return your tests and assignments in a timely manner.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Also known as "cheating" and/or "plagiarism," academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this program. Any case of academic dishonesty in this course will be prosecuted in accordance with UNIREG 802 Rev. 2. Academic dishonesty will result in a permanent "F" in any course as a minimum outcome, and will almost certainly result in additional sanctions as permitted under University Regulations. Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) cheating on tests, copying the work of others in the class or from previous classes, plagiarism or other use of published or electronically available materials without complete citations, or fabrication of referenced material. Students allowing others to commit academic dishonesty are as guilty as those committing the act and will also be prosecuted as allowed under University Regulations. It is up to the student to be familiar and understand academic dishonesty regulations and to be responsible for any outcomes that occur if you commit such acts. The current University Regulations can be found at: [http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/legal/Uniregs/ur802.htm](http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/legal/Uniregs/ur802.htm).

**In-class exam rules:**

- No use of programmable calculators or any other devices that can store anything other than numbers in its memory
- No use of notes or books, unless explicitly allowed by the instructor
- You may not look in the direction of your neighbor’s test (this is crucial to make our exams work in a large classroom environment)
- You have to follow instructor’s directions about seating arrangements. You might be asked to move during the test
- You have to refrain from any behavior that interferes with other’s ability to take the test.

Violation of any of the rules will result in grade of 0% for the test and a possible academic misconduct charge.

**Disclaimer:**
The instructor reserves the right to make changes to any part of this syllabus. Should such instances arise; students will be notified in advance.