



Course Syllabus: Intermediate Microeconomics
Dillard College of Business Administration
ECON 3333 Section X10
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Dillard Building 338

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Course Description

This course provides a broad introduction to microeconomic theory and its applications explained by the decisions of consumers, firms, and the government, all of which achieve their goals.

Expected Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Use economic knowledge in everyday life.
- Understand how microeconomics can be applied in the arenas of private and public-policy decision making.

Course Prerequisites

Junior standing or above or consent of the chair, ECON 2333, and ECON 2433

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Pindyck, Robert S., and Daniel L. Rubinfeld. 2018. Microeconomics. 9th edition. New Jersey: Pearson.

Your course material is in D2L on the first day of class, for everyone in class. Your Professor has opted to have this course in the program to save you time and money. The money saving charge of \$103.25 + tax has been added to your student account, which is below the publisher's website price. You have the choice to "opt out" of this special pricing and find your material on your own. If you prefer to "opt out", the instructions will be in your my.msutexas.edu email on the second day of class. The last day to "opt- out" of this content in D2L is 9/13/23. If you "opt out", you lose your course material. If you "opt out" by mistake, please contact the bookstore at the email address below and you will be "re-instated" with

your course materials. For questions concerning the program or if you need assistance, please contact the Bookstore at jenny.denning@msutexas.edu.

You are required to sign up for Pearson's MyLab Economics in order to complete the chapter assignments. **You have direct access to MayLab Economics Links through the Pearson tab created on D2L.** Course information is available on D2L including this syllabus, Pearson links, and lecture slides.

Copyright

The class materials associated with this course are provided to facilitate student learning and are protected by the United States copyright laws. Dissemination or sale of the class material (including the World Wide Web) is not permitted. The class material is only available to students enrolled in the course that requires the use of the corresponding textbook. Students should abide by these restrictions. The publisher of the textbook owns the copyright for the class materials associated with this course.

Correspondence

The students are expected to join class online during the regular class time. The Zoom link is provided on D2L. Please join Zoom before the class starts at 9:30 am so that the instructor admits you from the waiting room.

All important announcements will be delivered in class as well as posted on D2L. It is the students' responsibility to check D2L regularly and retrieve the provided information accordingly.

All correspondence regarding class issues must be conducted in person or by email using your Midwestern State University (MSU) email only. I will not discuss grades or class standing over the phone. Since email is often the most convenient means of communication, it is recommended that students use and regularly monitor their MSU email account.

I suggest that you link your D2L email with your MSU email, so the messages sent through D2L will be forwarded to your MSU email. To do this,

- Log in to D2L.
- Click on your name on the right upper corner of the screen.
- Click on "account settings".
- Click on "email".
- Check "Forwarding incoming messages to an alternate email account" and enter your email in the box.
- Click on "save and close".

Students are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, class participation, assignment submissions, etc. If I consider any of them to be inappropriate or offensive, I will forward the message to the Chair of the department and the online administrators and appropriate actions will be taken.

Homework

Homework assignments will be given after the completion of each chapter. All questions are solvable based on the lectures. Students are required to **submit the assignments before the due date.**

On the homework review day, the instructor may ask each student to volunteer and explain how to solve problems on behalf of their colleagues. This is to develop the problem-solving and presentation skills as well as to practically review how much the students are understanding the materials. A bonus point will be earned accordingly.

11 homework assignments will be completed on MyLab Economics. **No late submission is accepted.**

Quizzes

Quizzes will be conducted online via Learning Catalytics (one of the modules in MyLab Economics) during the regular class time. The pop quiz questions are only set for the in-class exercise.

10 quizzes will be given during the entire semester (one question per quiz). **No make-up quiz is given.**

Exams

The exams must be taken as scheduled. All exams are online and will be monitored through RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER, which will require students to have access to a video webcam. Respondus Monitor for Pearson MyLab works with Windows and macOS. The LockDown Browser Chromebook extension is not supported.

There are no make-up exams in this course and students missing an exam without a valid excuse will receive an exam grade of zero for the specific exam. A valid excuse is defined as an authorized absence (see Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog for the definition) or such event deemed acceptable by the instructor. **No make-up exams are given for the unexcused missed exams.**

Mid-Term Exam

There are two mid-term exams, which will be held during the regular class hours. The exams can be multiple-choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, draw a graph, and/or solving problems. The exam dates are noted in the Tentative Course Schedule in this syllabus. However, the instructor can change the exam dates if necessary. Any changes in those dates will be announced in advance and posted prominently on D2L as well as being announced in class.

Final Exam

A final exam is a comprehensive exam, which can be multiple-choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, draw a graph, and/or solving problems. Following the university schedule, the final exam will be held on 12/12 (Tuesday), 8-10am.

Late Work

If students miss an exam or assignment without prior approval from the instructor, **a make-up exam or late submission of work is not allowed.**

However, for those who have missed homework submission and got a zero grade, I may give you a grace period at the end of the semester, but only 50% of the points will be counted.

This will be announced accordingly right before the final week. **Please do not email the instructor about this make-up work before then.**

Most importantly, this opportunity will be given solely based on your instructor's decision. If the instructor thinks this grace period is not a well-deserved opportunity to this class, the opportunity will not be given.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes given the university attendance policy. For an excused absence, the document justifying the absence must be handed in to the instructor beforehand or within one week from the absence. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor.

As a matter of courtesy, do not leave lecture early without prior approval. Leaving class early, without prior approval, can result in an absence. **I may consider your tendency of class participation in favor of a better grade if you only miss a higher score by a narrow margin.** If you have any concerns or excuses during the semester, please let your instructor know.

Grading

Course Grade

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
10 Quizzes (5 pts each)	50
11 Homework Assignments (40 pts each except homework 1)	430
2 Midterm Exams (160 pts each)	320
Final Exam	200
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	Higher than 900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Important Dates

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1 (8/29, 31)	Syllabus, Ch1	
Week 2 (9/5, 7)	Ch2, HW1 Review	HW1 (Ch1)
Week 3 (9/12, 14)	Ch3, HW2 Review	HW2 (Ch2)
Week 4 (9/19, 21)	Ch4, HW3 Review	HW3 (Ch3)
Week 5 (9/26, 28)	HW4 Review and Exam1 Prep	HW4 (Ch4)
Week 6 (10/3, 5)	Mid-term Exam1 (Ch1,2,3,4) Mid-term Exam1 Review	
Week 7 (10/10, 12)	Ch5	
Week 8 (10/17, 19)	Ch6, HW5 Review	HW5 (Ch5)
Week 9 (10/24, 26)	Ch7, HW6 Review	HW6 (Ch6)
Week 10 (10/31, 11/2)	HW7 Review and Exam2 Prep	HW7 (Ch7)
Week 11 (11/7, 9)	Mid-term Exam2 (Ch5,6,7) Mid-term Exam2 Review	
Week 12 (11/14, 16)	Ch8, Ch9	
Week 13 (11/21, 23)	Thanksgiving Break	
Week 14 (11/28, 30)	Ch10, HW8 Review Ch12, HW9 Review	HW8 (Ch8) HW9 (Ch9)
Week 15 (12/5, 7)	HW10 and HW11 Review Final Exam Prep	HW10 (Ch10) HW11 (Ch12)
Week 16 (12/12)	Final Exam (Ch1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12)	Tuesday, December 12, 8am to 10am

This schedule is subject to change if necessary.