Semester: Spring 2007
Lecture: TR 9:00-10:15 AM
ARCH 205

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course examines how resources are allocated through market mechanisms. Students are trained to think like economists and analyze markets and other economic phenomenon with economic models. Topics include: supply and demand analysis; theory of consumer demand; theory of the firm including production and costs, perfect competition, monopoly, monopolistic competition and oligopoly; and public policy analysis of various issues including, but not limited to, excise taxation, externalities and market structure. The analytical skills required for successful completion of this course are elementary mathematical and graphical ability. Strong intuition and verbal skills can be partial substitutes for technical ability.

PREREQUISITE: None

TEACHING METHODOLOGY: Primarily lecture with some discussion, online homework.

APLIA™ ONLINE HOMEWORK (required):  http://www.aplia.com

COMPUTER LAB SCHEDULE: In order to facilitate timely completion of online homework assignments, computer labs will reserved for class use. The lab schedule will be announced the first day of class.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR APLIA™:

How to Use Aplia

Your total Aplia homework grade counts for 15% of your course grade. To start earning credit toward your Aplia score, follow these two steps:

Step 1: Register for Your Aplia Course

First Time Aplia Users:
1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com
2. On the Sign In page, click the Go button next to "Test Your System Configuration"; this takes just a few seconds and provides detailed information on how to update your system if necessary
3. Head back to the Sign In page and click the "Register Here" link
4. Fill out the form and click Continue. (You will need your UH Student ID Number and Course Section Number)
5. Enter your course key: TY56-CPPB-W774

Returning Aplia Users:
1. Connect to http://www.aplia.com and sign in using your usual e-mail and password
2. Enter your course key (above)

If you are having problems with registration or sign in, you can always e-mail Aplia by clicking on the "Help" link in the upper-right corner of any page or by e-mailing support@aplia.com.

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You have several payment options. To find the right option for you, decide whether you want to purchase a physical textbook.

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1. **Buy your physical textbook through Aplia ($60 for Aplia, plus $50 for the physical textbook plus shipping and handling)**

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2. **Buy your physical textbook from the UH Bookstore ($135.55).**

   - Textbooks from the UH Bookstore come bundled with an Aplia Payment Code. (It is in a shrink pack for this course: ECON 130 Section 004. The bundle contains the textbook and the Aplia Payment Code). Use the payment code to pay for your Aplia course online. The Aplia Payment Code covers a portion of or all of your Aplia course fee. Aplia does not refund courses paid for with an Aplia Payment Code. If you are considering dropping this course, you may wish to wait before opening your shrink pack.

**Grace Period for Payment:** You may register and use the website until 01.28.07 without paying the fee. If you are considering dropping this course during the drop/add period, do not
make a payment until you decide to stay in the course. You need to pay the full amount before
the end of the grace period to continue using the site.

**Aplia assignments:** Most assignments come in pairs of practice problem sets and graded
problem sets. Practice problem sets give you immediate feedback and an explanation of the
correct answer. They do not count toward your homework grade. Use them to check your
understanding of the material. If you feel confident about the material, you can go directly to
the graded set and refer to the practice set only if you want some help.

The graded problem sets have a firm due date. You can change your answers as many times as
you like before the due date passes. Once the due date passes, Aplia records your grade and
you can no longer change your answers or complete the assignment. In other words, Aplia
assignments must be done by the due date. The software does not understand excuses. Do your
assignments early to keep last minute emergencies from getting in your way. After the due
date, Aplia displays the correct answers and explanations for graded problems.

**Student benefits of Aplia:** Cramming is an ineffective learning method. Aplia lets you learn by
doing - you can apply what you hear and see in the classroom and what you read in the text.
Think of the regular assignments on Aplia as a weekly Economics workout. Regular work in
Aplia will better prepare you for lectures and exams.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING APLIA™**

**What is an Aplia Payment Code and how can I get one?**
The Aplia Payment Code is just another way to pay your Aplia course fee. You can find it
bundled with your text. Your Aplia Payment Code is different from your Aplia Course Key.
The course key allows us to identify your economics class and professor; the payment code
tells us that you prepaid your entire Aplia course fee when you purchased the code. An Aplia
Payment Code follows the format of xxxxx-xxx-xxxxx-xxx and is printed on a separate card
included with your textbook.

**What if I purchase a payment code after paying for Aplia with my credit/debit card or
electronic check?**
We can refund your payment. To speed up the refund process, sign into your Aplia course and
go to the My Account tab. Click on My Courses, and enter your payment code. You will then
receive an automatic refund.

**Under what circumstances can I get a refund?**

**Refund Policy:** You are entitled to a refund if you submit a refund request to Aplia during the
original grace period for payment. The grace period for your course expires on 01.28.07. No
refunds will be granted after this date. Requests for refunds must be submitted by email or
letter and received by Aplia within the stipulated time period. Contact support@aplia.com or
write to Aplia Inc., 931 Terminal Way, San Carlos, California 94070 USA, to request a refund. Note: No refunds are issued for courses paid for with an Aplia Payment Code under any circumstances.

**How do I access my textbook on the Aplia website?**
A digital version of your textbook is available in your Aplia course. You can access textbook chapters on the Home page or through your weekly assignments.

**Disclaimer:** Professor Russo receives no monetary benefit from requiring Aplia assignments.

**GRADE DETERMINATION:** Plus/minus grades will be based upon, class attendance, Aplia™ online homework assignments, 2 midterm exams and a final exam weighted in the following fashion:

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Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions. Examinations are closed-note, closed-book. Please bring official University of Hawaii picture identification on examination days. Please bring several sharpened number two pencils. Calculators are permitted. Dictionaries are not permitted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Attendance at all examinations is mandatory. No make-up examinations will be offered under any circumstances. Students who do not sit for an exam will receive zero (0) points and a “F” letter grade on that examination. This will adversely affect the students’ course grade. Students who miss any of the above scheduled examinations are advised to withdraw from the course at their earliest opportunity. Letter grades are assigned on the University of Hawaii plus/minus grading system. Class attendance is required. Students unable to attend the course lectures as scheduled should withdraw immediately. Attendance will be measured through a sign-in system. Students unable to attend the entire lecture should not sign-in. Because attendance will count toward course credit, abuse of the sign-in system will be treated as academic dishonesty.
There are no excused absences. There are no excused exams. There are no excused homework assignments. The course operates on a no excuses basis throughout. Complete your online homework assignments in advance of the due dates.

Students traveling on official University activities (e.g., students on athletic teams, band, etc.) are expected to complete their online homework while on travel. Contact your team/department academic advisor and request a laptop computer and internet access for use from your hotel/motel room or other travel location. Students on official travel may take examinations at their travel destination with advance approval, if their official travel schedule conflicts with the examination dates. Contact your head coach, academic advisor and/or other responsible University employee and request assistance with this matter. Please be aware that all absences from the classroom are considered un-excused. However, grades for attendance will be sufficiently curved to allow for a small amount of time for travel, illness and/or family emergency.

The KOKUA Program provides academic access services to students with documented physical and/or mental disabilities. E-mail: kokua@hawaii.edu. Web: www.hawaii.edu/kokua.
# TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

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- Determinants of Demand
  - Prices
  - Income
  - Tastes
  - Expectations
- Normal Goods
- Inferior Goods
- Complementary Goods
- Substitute Goods

Determinants of Supply
- Output Prices
- Input Prices
- Technology
- Weather
- Expectations

Chapter 5, pp. 89-111.

**LECTURE 5:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Supply and Demand Analysis (continued):
- Market Equilibrium
- Price Ceilings and Price Floors
- Economic Surpluses and Economic Shortages
- Comparative Static Analysis

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**LECTURE 6:** Thursday, January 25, 2007

Supply and Demand Analysis (continued):
- Elasticities
  - Elasticity (sensitivity, responsiveness)
  - Price Elasticity of Demand
    - Relationship to Total Revenue
  - Substitutability - The Key to Elasticity
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Supply and Demand Analysis (continued):
- Willingness-To-Pay as a Measure of Social Welfare
- Consumer Surplus and Producer Surplus
- The Demand Curve: A Measure of Marginal Social Benefit
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Application: International Trade

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**MIDTERM EXAM #1**
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Modeling Consumer Behavior
Consumer Theory:
- Budget Lines
- Prices and Income
- Revealed Preference
- Rationality
- Non-satiation ("more is preferred to less")
- Dominated Region
- Preferred Region

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Consumer Theory (continued):
Application: Simultaneous Income and Relative Price Changes with Possible Consumer Responses Delineated via Revealed Preference

**LECTURE 14:** Thursday, February 22, 2007
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- Utility Theory
- Utility Functions
- Cardinal Utility vs. Ordinal Utility
- Indifference Curves
Application: Transfers in Cash vs. Transfers in Kind

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Consumer Theory (continued):
- Derivation of a Demand Curve
- Income and Substitution Effects
- Giffen Goods

**LECTURE 16:** Thursday, March 1, 2007
Consumer Theory (continued):
- Derivation of a Demand Curve (continued)
- Income and Substitution Effects (continued)
- Giffen Goods (continued)

**LECTURE 17:** Tuesday, March 6, 2007
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**LECTURE 18:** Thursday, March 8, 2007
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- Technical Efficiency
- Stages of Production

**LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW (with “W” grade):** Friday, March 9, 2007
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Theory of the Firm: Duality
- The Relation Between Product Curves and
Cost Curves

LECTURE 20: Thursday, March 15, 2007
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  Variable Costs
  Fixed Costs
  Sunk Costs
  Opportunity Cost
  Total Cost
  Total Fixed Cost
  Total Variable Cost
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  Price Taking Behavior
  Homogeneous Product
  Free Entry and Exit
  Economic Profits vs. Normal Profits
  Opportunity Costs
  Profit Maximization
    Total Revenue
    Average Revenue
    Marginal Revenue
  The Individual Firm in Equilibrium

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Perfectly Competitive Industry:
  Short-Run Supply Curve of the Firm
  Short-Run Supply Curve of the Industry
  Long-Run Equilibrium for the Firm

Perfectly Competitive Industry (continued):
  Long-Run Supply Curve for the Industry
  Increasing Cost Industry
Constant Cost Industry
Decreasing Cost Industry
Welfare Implications of Competitive Market Structure

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Tuesday, April 3, 2007
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LECTURE 24:
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Revenue (Sales) Maximization
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   Free-Rider Problem
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FINAL EXAM
Tuesday, May 8, 2007
9:45-11:45 AM
ARCH 205