Economics 130 (Sp2012) - Principles of Microeconomics
(Other important info for this course is posted on Laulima – see FAQs – you will be quizzed on the info on the syllabus and on Laulima announcements)

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Course Description

This is an introductory economics course that examines how scarce resources are allocated through market mechanisms. Students are trained to think like economists and analyze markets and other economic phenomenon with economic models. The focus of this course is on how households and firms behave individually and how they interact with each other. Topics include supply and demand analysis; theory of consumer demand; theory of the firm; market structures and imperfections; government involvement and public policy analysis; and exploration of international trade. Mathematical skills beyond simple algebra and graphical analysis are not required in this course.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students should be: 1) familiar with general economic and microeconomic terminology, concepts, and theories; 2) able to utilize graphs and equations in analyzing general economic and microeconomic problems; and 3) able to use logical economic reasoning to analyze real-world situations and events.

Grading Schedule

Grades will be based on the following:
Midterm 1, 2 & 3 15%
Final Exam 20%
Quizzes:
In-Class & online 10%
Homework 25%
I will be using the plus/minus system for assigning final grades. I reserve the right to make any changes to class policy and schedule. You will be informed of any changes that occur.

Class Resources

Required Text and Online Portion or course:
Text: Miller, Roger Leroy, Economics Today: The Micro View, ala Carte plus MyEconLab plus eBook. (ISBN is 9781256480143)
Note: You may purchase the ONLINE ONLY version of the text if you do not want the hardcopy portion. Please Go to http://www.myeconlab.com and follow instructions using the CourseID: XL0U-11XU-401Y-9OM2

Midterms & Final
Midterms: will be multiple choice, T/F and short answers. There are no make-up exams unless you provide documentation from your health care professional (or other official excuse) with dates specified to cover the issue in question

In-class Quizzes:
May not be announced prior and will be given at the beginning or end of classes. Quizzes may cover any topic that has been covered in class, but will probably focus on the most recent material up to the last lecture. There will be no make-up quizzes for any reason. Once quizzes are collected none will be given or accepted.

(Not all chapters have quizzes – I will hand-pick which sections/chapters. Announcements made in class and/or email prior. Announcements for in-class quizzes are a courtesy, and may come as late as the night before, but it is my intention to let you know by the lecture prior at least. Important: Keep up with the material!).

Online Quizzes:
Online quizzes will be through Myeconlab. Online quizzes will be open-book and open-notes, but are to be completed individually, without assistance from others, also from separate IP addresses (different source computers). Hint: Study first – Quiz time limitations will not accommodate a “study while taking” approach.

Online quizzes for a given section must be completed on the day of stated deadline by 11:59 p.m. (no exceptions).

Attendance

While attendance will not be taken in class, attendance is mandatory, and if you miss any announcements (re: homework assignments, class administrative changes, etc.) there is no recourse unless you provide documentation from your health care professional (or other official excuse) with dates specified to cover the issue in question. You will be responsible for obtaining any missed info from a classmate. Establish a class contact early in the semester so you are able to get the info.

Homework

Required homework will be assigned either online through Myeconlab, or will be assigned to be turned in to be graded. All homework will be assigned either in-class or
announced via email, or a combination of these. Attendance is mandatory, so failing to complete an assignment because of missing the announcement will not be a valid excuse.

Class Preparation - Please come prepared having completed the assigned reading for each class.

If you miss a deadline for any reason, you can still complete it with a 30% point deduction. It will be automatic, so no need to call, explain, or ask for leniency.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**: Please refer to this tentative course schedule.

Midterm#1: Feb 2\textsuperscript{nd}, Thursday
Midterm#2: Mar 1\textsuperscript{st}
Midterm#3: Apr 5\textsuperscript{th}

(These tentative midterm dates should be reliable, unless in-class announced changes are made)

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**Day of May 10**  
**FINAL EXAM** – comprehensive (9:45-11:45 a.m., Thurs.)

In same room as lecture

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**How to Register and Enroll in Your MyEconLab Course**

**Textbook:** *Miller: Economics Today: The Micro View 15e*

**Course Name:** Econ 130 _ Sp12 _ Micro

**Course ID:** XL0U-11XU-401Y-9OM2

To join your instructor's course, please complete the following **two** steps:

1. Register for MyEconLab
2. Enroll in your instructor's course
To register, you will need:

1. A valid e-mail address.
2. The access code that came with your MyEconLab Kit (or a credit card or Pay Pal account if you wish to purchase access online).
3. The Course ID listed above.

Please Note: If you have an Access Kit that came with your book or that you purchased separately, the instructions may be different than what you are reading here. Please disregard those instructions and follow the steps below. The code in your kit is still valid for the version of MyEconLab that this course is using.

Step 1: Register for MyEconLab

1. Go to http://www.myeconlab.com and click the Student button, in the Register section.
2. Enter your Course ID: XL0U-11XU-401Y-9OM2
3. Choose to register an access code or to buy access.
4. Follow the instructions to set up your login and password for your course.

Step 2: Enroll in your instructor's course

1. Login to MyEconLab at http://www.myeconlab.com with your newly created Login Name and Password
2. Enter your course ID: XL0U-11XU-401Y-9OM2.

If you purchased access, visit the Student Center inside your Instructor's Course for additional purchase options.

Note: If you are taking two MyEconLab courses simultaneously you will need two separate login accounts.

Need Help? For assistance, please visit http://www.myeconlab.com/support