Strategic Behavior
ECON 4450
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Course Objectives
This course will focus on strategic interactions among agents (such as individual, firms, and governments). My primary goal for this course is to provide students with a methodology for analyzing strategic interactions. Through theoretical analysis and extensive use of examples, students will learn a systematic method by which they may incorporate unique features of a given situation in order to analyze that situation and predict subsequent behavior. A basic knowledge of microeconomics is essential in order to master the material in this course.

Prerequisites
Completion of Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECON 3550) and either Business Calculus (MATH 1190) or College Math with Calculus (MATH 1400) are prerequisites for enrolling in this course.

Course Material


Course Requirements
To best benefit from the course, each student is expected to complete the assigned reading before coming to class. It is important that students prepare for and attend class. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain from your classmates the relevant class notes and assignments. Please note the following guidelines.

1.  No assignments will be accepted late. No make-up exams will be given. Please note the exam dates. If you have an emergency and cannot take an exam at the scheduled time, you must contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person before the start of the exam to discuss possible alternatives. There is no assurance that an alternative will be granted. Requests for medical reasons must be supported by a doctor’s note.
2.  Do not come to class late.
3.  Turn off cell phones and pagers prior to entering the classroom. If you are seen texting during class I will take your phone for the remainder of the class period.
4.  Computer use is not permitted during class.
5. Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate zero on the relevant assignment. You are encouraged to become familiar with the University's Policy of Academic dishonesty found in the Student Handbook. The content of the Handbook applies to this course. Consult the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline for what constitutes unacceptable behavior, and for information on any further penalties that may be imposed by the Committee on Student Conduct.

Please Note - Acceptable Student Behavior:
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

6. If you have special needs, please advise immediately so that we can make any necessary arrangements.

Blackboard Learn
I will use the University of North Texas’ Learning Management System, Blackboard Learn to post announcements and assignments. To get started with the course, please go to: https://learn.unt.edu. You will need your EUID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your EUID or have forgotten your password, please go to: http://ams.unt.edu.

The University provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard. The student help desk may be reached at helpdesk@unt.edu, 940.565-2324, or in Sage Hall, Room 130. Please refer to the website (http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm) for updated hours.

Grading
There will be three exams, (on October 15, November 19, and December 12); four homework assignments (due September 17, October 3, November 6, and December 5), and one research paper (final draft due December 5). All assignments will require that you understand and synthesize information rather than simply memorize material. The final exam will be cumulative. Grades will be calculated as follows.

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Homework
Each assignment must be submitted at the beginning of class on the date that it is due. Note: your assignment must be legible or it will not be accepted; if in doubt, type your work. While students may work together to understand the material and to proofread one another’s work, each must submit homework independently.
**Research Paper**
Each student will complete one research paper of approximately 7 to 10 pages, double-spaced with one-inch margins. The paper should be based on an economic example, a scenario from a book or a movie, a historical event, or another situation in which strategic interaction is present. Additional details about specific requirements are provided separately from the syllabus. A paper on the same topic as another student chooses will not be permitted (in the unlikely event this occurs we will address the issue together).

**Due Dates**
* Research paper rough draft: *No Later Than Friday, November 1. Sometime during the month of October*, the rough draft must be e-mailed to me, and the draft uploaded to www.turnitin.com by the beginning of class. You may submit graphs or figures in hard copy during class. Failure to submit a rough draft will result in a failing grade on the research paper.

* Research paper final draft: *Thursday, December 5*. A hard copy in its entirety must be turned in during class, and the paper uploaded to www.turnitin.com by the beginning of class.

**Turnitin Information**
Your rough draft, final research paper, and peer review must be submitted to the website turnitin.com. The website address is www.turnitin.com.

The class ID is: 6850729  
The enrollment password is: econ_4450

**For your research paper rough and final drafts, you must name your documents by the convention: last name_4450.**

Please note that you cannot submit multiple files to the turnitin website. You must have your title page, text, and references all in the same document, as turnitin.com does not allow multiple submissions.

You must submit your paper by the deadline. Turnitin.com does not allow late submissions.