Strategic Behavior  
ECON 4450  
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Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 – 10:50 in Matthews 102.

Course Objectives  
This course will focus on strategic interactions with the goal of providing students with a methodology for analyzing such interactions. Through theoretical analysis and extensive use of examples, students will learn a systematic method of incorporating unique features of a given situation in order to model 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 any one of the following: Business Calculus (MATH 1190), College Math with Calculus (MATH 1400), or Calculus 1 (MATH 1710), with a grade of C or better are required for enrolling in this course.

Course Material  

Blackboard Learn  
This course 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.

Blackboard will be the primary means of communication among us during the semester. If your UNT e-mail address is not your primary e-mail account, you should forward your UNT e-mail to your primary account.

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.

Course Requirements
Students are expected to complete the assigned reading prior 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. Disrupting the class by arriving late is disrespectful to other students and negatively impacts others’ learning. Habitual tardiness will result in being referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action or removal from the class.

3. If you miss three classes before the first exam, you will be dropped for nonattendance. If you miss 20 percent of classes in total you will be dropped for nonattendance.

4. Turn off cell phones prior to class beginning. If I see you using your phone in any way I will ask you to leave the classroom.

5. Computer use is not permitted during class.

6. 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 information on any further penalties that may be imposed by the Committee on Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr. 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.

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

**Grading**
There will be three exams, each worth 20 percent of your total grade, and four homework assignments, each worth 10 percent of your total grade. All assignments will require that you understand and synthesize information rather than simply memorize material. The final exam will be cumulative.

**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.* Students submitting answers that match too closely will be considered to have cheated. All assignments will be posted on Blackboard one week prior to their due date.

**UNT endeavors to offer you a high quality education and to provide a supportive environment to help you grow and learn. As a faculty member I am committed to helping you to be successful as a student. To succeed at UNT: Show up. Find support. Take control. Be prepared. Get involved. Be persistent.**