Course Syllabus  Econ 1100 Online  Fall 2016

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Course Goals

Microeconomics is the study of behavior and decision-making by individuals and firms in a market-based economy in which government plays an important role. The goal of this class is to give you the opportunity to develop analytical skills that will prove useful in the future, both professionally and personally.

Grade Determination

Assignments include multiple choice and short answer assignments from the workbook as well as online discussion of current events using current articles. There are two regular exams plus a comprehensive final exam. Point values for each category are:

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The final course grade is based on 1,000 possible points and will be assigned according to the following scale:

- 900 to 1,000 points = A
- 800 to 899 points = B
- 700 to 799 points = C
- 600 to 699 points = D
- 599 points or below = F

Important Dates – mark your calendar!

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Help

As your instructor, I am available to answer questions in the classroom discussion forum, by email, or in my office. For discussions about your grade, use your UNT email or meet with me in my office.

The Economics Help Center is located in Hickory Hall, room 266 and will be open starting Tuesday, September 6\textsuperscript{th}. The Help Center hours will be posted when the schedule has been finalized.

For Technical Help, contact the UNT Student Help Desk at email: helpdesk@unt.edu or by phone: 940-565-2324

Multiple Choice Assignments

- Complete assigned pages in your workbook, then submit answers through blackboard.
- Submissions are machine-graded and results are available immediately.
- To view results at a later date, click on “My Grades” in blackboard, then click on the grade assigned to your submission.
- I recommend you submit the assignments as you complete them, ahead of the due dates.
- There are 17 multiple choice assignments, worth 10 points each, and your best 15 grades will be counted for a maximum possible score of 150 points.

Unit 1 (chapters 1 – 5), assignments due by Monday, October 3\textsuperscript{rd}

- Workbook pages 17-18, 35-36, 43-44, 47-48, 69-70, 71-72, and 87-88

Unit 2 (chapters 6 – 11, worth 60 points), assignments due by Monday, November 7\textsuperscript{th}


Unit 3 (chapters 12 – 15, worth 30 points), assignments due by Monday, December 3\textsuperscript{rd}

- Workbook pages 243-244, 253-254, 265-266, and 281-282
Short Answer Assignments

- Complete assigned pages in your workbook, then submit answers through blackboard.
- Allow a few days for your work to be graded by the teaching assistant.
- To view results, click on “My Grades” in blackboard; click on the grade assigned to your paper (after the grade has been posted).
- If you wait until the due date to submit your assignments, you will probably not have any feedback before taking your exam, so I recommend you submit these as you complete them, ahead of the due dates.
- There are 12 short answer assignments, worth 10 points each, and your best 10 grades will be counted for a maximum possible score of 100 points.

Unit 1 (chapters 1 – 5), all assignments due by Monday, October 3rd
- Workbook pages 15, 32, 45, 66, and 89

Unit 2 (chapters 6 – 11), all assignments due by Monday, November 7th
- Workbook pages 116, 149, 163, 187, and 211

Unit 3 (chapters 12 – 15), all assignments due by Monday, December 5th
- Workbook pages 240 and 270

Current Event Assignments

- You can earn up to 50 points; the two current event articles (link + summary) are worth 15 points and the two discussion responses are worth 10 points each.
- Post a link to the article with your summary in the discussion forum and include a descriptive subject title; in your summary, explain how the information in your article relates to what you are learning in the class and why it is significant to you (your summary should be at least 100 words).
- After posting your own summary, read other posts and reply to at least one other student with a comment to ask follow-up questions, talk about your interest in the topic addressed by that student, or offer insights based on your own reading and research (your reply should be at least 50 words).

The first current event discussion should cover international trade or prices in a major U.S. market (higher education, health care, energy, etc.).
- Post your article link and summary and a substantive reply to another student by Monday, October 3rd

The second current event discussion should cover the environment, education reform, the minimum wage, business regulation, or trends in a major U.S. market.
- Post your article link and summary and a substantive reply to another student by Monday, December 5th
There is also a discussion forum (called Class Q&A Board) where you may ask questions about the assignments and concepts covered in the class. I will post answers to unassigned homework pages as well as review sheets for exams in this discussion forum, so make sure you monitor it, especially right before each exam.

**Exams**

Exams are timed and the clock continues even if you close the exam. If you close the exam without submitting, you may reopen it and continue working only if you have time remaining.

The clock begins when you open the exam and the exam is automatically submitted and graded when time is up. Make sure you have a reliable computer and connection before beginning an exam and carefully choose the best time to begin.

**Do not open the exam** until you have fully prepared by asking questions and reviewing the material. Once you open the exam, you must answer all of the questions and submit the exam for grading. If you miss the deadline for an exam, a grade of zero is recorded.

- **Exam 1 Tuesday, October 4**  Review chapters 1–5. The exam consists of 40 multiple choice questions and there is a **one hour time limit**. The exam must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday night, October 4th.

- **Exam 2 Tuesday, November 8**  Review chapters 6–11. The exam consists of 40 multiple choice questions and there is a **one hour time limit**. The exam must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday night, November 8th.

- **The Final Exam Tuesday, December 13**  Review chapters 1–15. The exam consists of 60 multiple choice questions and there is a **two hour time limit**. The exam must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday night, December 13th.

**Class Policies**

THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS and no exam grades are dropped. If you miss an exam, a grade of zero is recorded. You must **notify me immediately** and provide acceptable documentation to request that I replace a zero with a score that is based on your final exam results. This option is available only if you have a documented, excused absence.

See [http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide](http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide) for detailed information about dropping or withdrawing. Go to the department office (Hickory Hall, room 254) on or before **Monday, November 7th** to obtain a drop slip which I have already signed, giving a grade of “W”, or discuss your options with me. If you stop attending and do not drop the class, you may receive an “F” in the course.

A grade of incomplete will be assigned only for authorized and excused absences and with a time limit for completion of course material.
The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, I will provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Report problems to me and also contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940-565-2324. It is your responsibility as an online student to have the necessary hardware, software, and plug-ins, a compatible web browser, and reliable internet access.

ODA Accommodations

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class.

Since this is a 100% online class, there is likely no need to schedule exams in the ODA office, but students needing additional time will need to provide documentation. If other accommodations are needed, please contact me to discuss as soon as possible.

For additional information, see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of the course.

If an on-campus activity is required, it is the student’s responsibility to obtain a form from the International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS), request the instructor’s signature on the form during the first week of class, return the form to the ISSS office, and ensure that the on-campus activity is completed.

If you are unsure about the need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office to get clarification (email internationaladvising@unt.edu or telephone 940-565-2195).
Cheating and Plagiarism

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University’s Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. Go to https://vpaa.unt.edu/academic-integrity.htm to view the complete policy. Students may be subject to sanctions for engaging in acts of academic misconduct in accordance with the procedures outlined on the University web site. Acts of academic misconduct include cheating and plagiarism, as defined here.

**Cheating:** Use of unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:
1. use of any unauthorized assistance to take exams, tests, quizzes or other assessments, including assistance from individuals not retained by the University to provide academic assistance;
2. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
3. acquisition, without permission, of tests, notes or other academic materials belonging to a faculty or staff member of the University;
4. dual submission of a paper or project, or re-submission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor;
5. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage on an academic assignment.

**Plagiarism:** Use of another’s thoughts or words without proper attribution in any academic exercise, regardless of the student’s intent, including but not limited to:
1. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement or citation.
2. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or by an agency engaged in selling term papers or other academic materials.