Course Purpose, Goals and Objectives

Microeconomics is the study of individual behavior and decision-making in a market-based economy in which government plays an important role. Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole, with emphasis on employment, prices, and growth. The goal of this class is to provide a basic foundation in economic terminology, methodologies, and institutions and to develop the ability to analyze economic events and policies.

Grading Policy

Readings, assignments, and links to video lessons are provided through Blackboard. All graded work is also submitted via Blackboard. You must have a webcam for use during online proctored exams.

Your final grade in this course will be determined from your grades on writing assignments, short answer assignments, multiple choice quizzes, a midterm exam, and a final exam.

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Course grades are based on 1000 possible points and are assigned according to the following scale:

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

See [http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide](http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide) for detailed information about dropping or withdrawing. Go to the department office (Hickory Hall, room 254) on or before Tuesday, April 4th 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 according to UNT policy on incompletes. Before requesting a grade of incomplete, read this policy at [http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes](http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes).

The Economics Help Center is located in Hickory Hall, room 266 and will be open starting Monday, January 23rd. The Help Center is staffed by Academic Assistants who can help you with course concepts, assignments, and exam review. Hours are posted in Blackboard.
Examinations

Following department policy, students in this class must take proctored exams without the use of books, notes, or other study aids. If you do not have access to a webcam, you will need to make arrangements to take your exam in the Testing Center, located on campus in Sage Hall. Contact me no later than February 1st to work out the details if you want to have this option for your exams.

Exams for this course will be proctored using RPNow by Software Secure, a PSI Business. This online proctoring platform will help you take exams at the time and location convenient to you using a webcam and internet connection. RPNow will verify identity (using a photo ID card), record the testing session, and ensure exams are taken with integrity. There is no additional fee to you to use the service, as it has been paid for by UNT.

To take an exam, simply go to [http://unt remoteproctor.com](http://unt remoteproctor.com) and follow the prompts provided.

For support you can go to [http://clientportal.softwaresecure.com/support/](http://clientportal.softwaresecure.com/support/) or you can call 1-855-436-2039.

We encourage you to take advantage of the free practice exams to familiarize yourself with the RPNow test taking experience.

Here is a short video tutorial: [https://softwaresecure.wistia.com/medias/bmyu0q290o](https://softwaresecure.wistia.com/medias/bmyu0q290o)


*After each exam, I will review the video taken during testing. Refer to the policy on the last page of this syllabus for information about the consequences of cheating during an exam.*

*You must show a picture ID before you can begin the exam. You are allowed to use a non-programmable calculator, and you can have a pen or pencil and scratch paper.* Be sure to show your entire testing area and everything you will have available to you while testing before you begin.

THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS and no exam grades are dropped. If you miss an exam, a grade of zero is recorded. You may take an exam before the deadline, but not after. If you are not able to take the midterm exam before the deadline, you will need to drop the class. If you are not able to take the final exam before the deadline, you will need to provide documentation to request an Incomplete in the class.

The **Midterm Exam** will be available starting at noon on Thursday, March 9th and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 10th. The exam will cover all of the microeconomic principles covered in Lessons 1 through 8 with 50 multiple choice questions worth 6 points each. There is a 2 hour time limit.

The **Final Exam** will be available starting at noon on Sunday, May 7th and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Monday, May 8th. The exam will cover all of the macroeconomic principles covered in Lessons 9 through 15 with 50 multiple choice questions worth 6 points each. There is a 2 hour time limit.
**Graded Assignments**

You will write short essays summarizing the main points of the lessons to post in the discussion forum and these are worth 10 points each. Lessons 8 and 15 are omitted because these are short lessons to be completed before the exams. That leaves 13 essays, and the best 10 are counted so you can earn a maximum of 100 points. There is no penalty if you miss up to 3 of the writing assignments, but no other grades are dropped.

Each lesson includes a short answer assignment and a multiple choice quiz designed to check your understanding of the material. There are 15 short answer assignments worth 10 points each and these are graded by the teaching assistant, so allow a few days to see feedback and scores. There are also 15 multiple choice quizzes worth 10 points each. Most quizzes have 10 questions, but the Lesson 8 and Lesson 15 quizzes are shorter since only a few days are allowed for these two lessons. None of these grades are dropped, so it is very important that you stay on track and complete assignments and quizzes before the deadline each week. If work is not submitted, a grade of 0 is recorded.

Due dates for graded assignments are posted in Blackboard and listed below:

Lesson 1 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, January 23
Lesson 2 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, January 30
Lesson 3 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, February 6
Lesson 4 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, February 13
Lesson 5 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, February 20
Lesson 6 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, February 27
Lesson 7 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, March 6
Lesson 8 (short answer assignment and quiz) – DUE Thursday, March 9
Lesson 9 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, March 27
Lesson 10 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, April 3
Lesson 11 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, April 10
Lesson 12 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, April 17
Lesson 13 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, April 24
Lesson 14 (short answer assignment, quiz, and discussion essay) – DUE Monday, May 1
Lesson 15 (short answer assignment and quiz) – DUE Thursday, May 4
**Topics**

Lesson 1  Introduction to Economics, International Trade  
Lesson 2  Supply and Demand  
Lesson 3  Elasticity, Price Ceilings, and Price Floors  
Lesson 4  Market Failure and the Role of Government  
Lesson 5  Production and Cost Functions  
Lesson 6  Perfect Competition and Monopoly  
Lesson 7  Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly  
Lesson 8  Labor Markets  
Lesson 9  Full Employment  
Lesson 10  Prices and Output  
Lesson 11  AD/AS and the Classical School  
Lesson 12  The Keynesian School  
Lesson 13  Fiscal Policy  
Lesson 14  Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy  
Lesson 15  Monetary Theory

**Extra Credit**

Extra credit will be offered to everyone at the end of the class. I do not offer additional extra credit on an individual basis because all students enrolled in the class deserve an equal chance to earn the best possible grade.

**Email Etiquette**

I check my email at Susan.Dadres@unt.edu several times each day and I can also be reached through the message tool in Blackboard (checked daily). Email correspondence should include your class, should be appropriate, and should never be a request to treat your coursework and grade differently than what is outlined on this syllabus. Inappropriate emails will be forwarded to the appropriate campus administrator.

**Disability Accommodation**

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. 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.

The Economics Department cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have not registered with ODA, we encourage you to do so. Please present your written accommodation request during the first two weeks of the semester.
**Cheating and Plagiarism**

Individuals engaging in activities that may be construed as cheating or plagiarizing should be prepared for the consequences. The minimum punishment will be to receive an “F” for the course. Please see the next page for further information on and explanation of cheating and plagiarism.

Important note: all assigned work must be completed by you, the student, as instructed. Resubmitting work completed in a previous semester or submitting work completed by or copied from another student constitutes cheating and will be treated as such.

The UNT Department of Economics adheres to the University's Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism. To view the complete policy, go to [http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity](http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity).

During an exam, do not leave your chair and do not talk to anyone or use your phone or other electronic device. Make sure all books and notes are put away.

**Cheating:** The 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;
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.

I will be reviewing the video logs after each exam. You will be contacted if there are any questions about your activities while taking an exam. Video evidence of cheating during an exam will be retained and used during a university hearing, if necessary.