



AMBROSE
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

FACULTY OF
ARTS & SCIENCE

**ECO 202 – Intermediate Microeconomics (3 credit hours)
Fall 2008**

Class Schedule:

Mondays 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Class Location: Room 2145

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Course Description:

This course is concerned with the behavior of individual economic agents and their interactions. It studies how individual economic agents make decisions and how markets function. The course is roughly composed of seven parts. Part 1 introduces the basics of microeconomic analysis. It also serves as a quick review of some basic economic concepts. Part 2 discusses the concept of individual choice. Part 3 presents production and cost analysis. Part 4 examines the subject of market for goods while part 5 discusses resource markets and general equilibrium. In the 6th part, the focus is on imperfect competition while part 7 bothers on uncertainty and asymmetric information.

Course Objectives:

This course has been designed to provide students with a preliminary background for intermediate level microeconomics related questions concerning any economy. The purpose of the course is to learn the microeconomics concepts and theories covered in the Principles of Microeconomics with a more detailed approach. The subject matter of the course is intended to help students understand several applications of theoretical concepts using real life data with special emphasis on Canadian economy.

Required Textbook:

Microeconomics Theory with Applications, 7th Edition, B. Curtis Eaton, Diane F. Eaton & Douglas W. Allen.

Students are also expected to utilize the various features of the text website: www.pearsoned.ca/eaton

Course Requirements:

This course will be presented using a variety of methods including lectures, application problems and discussions. Students are expected to be familiar with the basic concept of economics particularly the Principles of Microeconomics). It is also expected that the students have understanding of the use of internet and desktop applications i.e. Microsoft Office suit. Students of economics should be lovers of graphs and graphical analysis. This course will make extensive use of graphical analysis. A term project will be required to be presented in groups towards the end of the semester. The topics will be purely application issues. Details on the project requirements will be provided later.

The quizzes, assignments, tests and final exam will be designed to test the conceptual understanding and procedural application of the material covered during the course. The following is a summary of all evaluation methods and relative weights for the course:

Evaluation Method	Weight
Quiz #1	10%
Quiz #2	10%
Assignments #1	10%
Assignments #2	10%
Test	10%
Term project	20%
Final exam	30%

Examinations:

Final examinations are held during a scheduled time at the end of the semester for regular semester classes and are scheduled by the Registrar. Graded final examinations will be available for supervised review at the request of the student.

Grading Scale:

The available letters for course grades are as follows:

<u>% Grade</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>
95% to 100%	A+	Excellent
90% to 94%	A	
85% to 89%	A-	Good
80% to 84%	B+	
76% to 79%	B	
72% to 75%	B-	
68% to 71%	C+	Satisfactory
64% to 67%	C	
60% to 63%	C-	Minimal Pass
55% to 59%	D+	
50% to 54%	D	
0% to 49%	F	Failure

Other Information:

Students, who are unable to write a quiz or test, will have its weighting added to that of the final exam, provided they have a valid reason supported with proper documentation; otherwise, they will receive a mark of zero.

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to the academic policies as stated in the current Student Handbook and Academic Calendar. In particular, students are to note academic regulation #34 - Academic Dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is absolutely unacceptable in the University.

COURSE OUTLINES

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS.

1. Microeconomics: A Working Methodology.

II. INDIVIDUAL CHOICE.

2. A Theory of Preferences.
3. Demand Theory.
4. More Demand Theory.

5. Intertemporal Decision Making and Capital Values.

III. PRODUCTION AND COST.

6. Production and Cost: One Variable Input.

7. Production and Cost: Many Variable Inputs.

IV. MARKETS FOR GOODS.

8. The Theory of Perfect Competition.

9. Applications of the Competitive Model.

10. Monopoly.

V. RESOURCE MARKETS AND GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM.

11. Input Markets and the Allocation of Resources.

12. The Distribution of Income.

13. Competitive General Equilibrium.

VI. IMPERFECT COMPETITION.

14. Price Discrimination and Monopoly Practices.

15. Game Theory

16. Oligopoly.

VII. UNCERTAINTY AND ASYMMETRIC INFORMATION.

17. Choice Making Under Uncertainty.

18. Asymmetric Information, the Rules of the Game, and Externalities.

19. The Theory of the Firm.

20. Asymmetric Information and Market Behaviour.

STUDY TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR GRADE

- a. Write out answers to Review Questions
- b. Study groups
- c. Study each week, rather than cram at the end
- d. Highlight notes, and reduce to cards important concepts
- e. Review previous days' class note before the next class
- f. Copies of old tests in Library, use as practice tests

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