

Microeconomics 201 (D): 5108

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Texts:

- (1) Mankiw, Gregory N., 2009. *Principles of Microeconomics*
- (2) Supplemental readings will be posted on Canvas.

Course Outcomes:

After completing this class, students should be able to:

- Apply the theory of rational choice to explain individual behavior.
- Explain how markets allocate, produce, and distribute society's resources.
- Predict how government intervention impacts market outcomes.
- Critique market outcomes and government policies using concepts of efficiency and equity.
- Explain firm behavior under various degrees of competition.
- Extend the market framework to analyze market failure.
- Critically analyze the positive and negative impacts of markets as they relate to social justice and environmental issues.
- Represent and understand economic concepts and outcomes in numerical and graphical form.

Grades:

Grades will be determined on the basis of a weighted average of exams, homework, quizzes and class participation. The dates for exams, quizzes and assignments are listed below.

Midterm Exam 1: 20%
Midterm Exam 2: 20%
Final Exam: 20%
Quizzes: 15%
Homework: 15%
Participation: 10%

100-93 A; 92-90 A-; 89-87 B+; 86-83 B; 82-80 B-; 79-77 C+; 76-73 C; 72-70 C-; 69-67 D+; 66-63 D; 62-60 D-, 60<F

Exams

Exams will be in-class and closed book. The format for exams will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. **The best way to prepare for exams is to keep up with the readings/homework and to attend class.** Make-up exams will not be given unless arrangements are made prior to the date of the exam.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given in class every other week. The goal of the quizzes is to help you keep on top of course material and vocabulary, and to provide you with an indication of how well you are preparing for exams. Each quiz will consist of a vocabulary section and a short answer section covering material from the lecture and reading. You will be introduced to a lot of new terminology in this course and mastering it will be crucial for your success. The lowest quiz score of the quarter will be dropped.

Homework

Homework will be assigned every other week (alternating with quizzes) and you will have one week to complete each assignment. Homework assignments are designed to help you keep up with course material and give you an opportunity to practice applying models, solving problems, and writing. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Participation

Class attendance is required. More than two unexcused absences will result in a lower grade for the course. You are expected to show up on time and prepared to actively engage in class activities and discussion groups. You are also expected to engage in professional behavior at all times. This includes listening respectfully to your peers and ensuring that you do not disrupt the classroom environment. In class, please make sure your cell phone is off and your laptop is only used for course related work.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism and/or cheating will result in your failing the assignment and potential dismissal from the college. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services or on the web at: http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp.

Affirmation of Inclusion:

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Disabilities:

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is available to assist any student with learning needs and/or disabilities. The DRC office is located in the Library and can be reached by phone at 425.564.2498, by videophone at 425.440.2025, and by TTY at 425.564.4110. I welcome and expect any student with learning needs or physical disability to contact me immediately to make appropriate accommodation for their needs. You can access the DRC via the web at: www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc.

Course Outline

Week	Reading	Topics
4/7	Heilbroner Mankiw 2, Appendix	Introduction What is economics? PPF, Circular flow
4/14 Quiz 1	Mankiw 4, 5	Opportunity cost Supply and Demand Elasticity
4/21 HW 1 due	Mankiw 6, 7 Tucker Appendix	Government controls Consumers and Producers Efficiency
4/28 Quiz 2	Mankiw 8 Exam 1	Application Taxes Review Exam 1
5/5 HW 2 due	Mankiw 10 Tucker	Externalities Consumer choice
5/12 Quiz 3	Mankiw 13, 14	Production Costs Competitive Mkts
5/19 HW 3 due	Mankiw 15, 16 Exam 2	Monopoly Monopolistic Competition Review Exam 2
5/26 Quiz 4	Smith Schor	Collapse Work and Consume
6/2 HW 4 due	Lichtenstein Sahlins	Alternatives Stone Age Economics
6/9 Quiz 5	Polanyi	Evolution of the Market Why Socialism
6/16	FINALS	FINALS

***** The course outline is intended to provide students with a *rough* guide to the layout of the course. The outline is *subject to change* and will almost certainly be amended as the course proceeds. Changes will be announced in class.