

Economics 201

5 Credit Hours

Spring, 2018

T/TH 8:30-10:20 and F 9:30-10:20

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# Principles of Microeconomics

## Texts:

*MicroEconomics, 5-7<sup>th</sup> Ed, Hubbard and O'Brien*  
*Sapling Access Code*

## 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 failures.
- 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.

## Grading:

Evaluation of student performance will be based on two midterms, one semi-cumulative final, online interactive homework sets, and class participation. The relative weights are as follows. There are two grading options. I will choose whichever gives you the higher grade. A grade scale is listed below and each component is described in detail in the following subsections.

**Option 1**

Sapling HW	30%
Midterm #1	20%
Midterm #2	20%
Final	20%
Class Participation	10%

Total 100%

**Option 2**

Sapling HW	30%
Highest Midterm	30%
Final	30%
Class Participation	10%

100%

**Grade Scale:**

100-94 A, 93-90 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:**

You will need to bring an examination book (a.k.a. blue book) and a scantron for both midterms and a scantron for the final. You can purchase these at the bookstore. I suggest you buy all that you will need at the beginning of the quarter. **If you fail to bring a blue book or scantron you will be penalized 5% for that exam.** Make up exams will only be given for school excused absences, catastrophic accidents, profound personal tragedy, severe illness, or other extraordinary circumstances. Poor planning, being overloaded with work, or travel plans do not constitute valid reasons for make-up exams.

**Sapling Homework**

Sapling Learning is an online interactive homework platform. It is one of the required "texts" for the course. If you purchased an access card from the bookstore then you can follow the directions on it. If you haven't, then just follow the directions below to subscribe.

## STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Go to [www.saplinglearning.com/login](http://www.saplinglearning.com/login) to log in or create an account.
- Under Enroll in a new course, you should see Courses at [Bellevue College]. Click to expand this list and see courses arranged by subject. Click on a subject to see the terms that courses are available.
- Click on the term to expand the menu further (note that Semester 1 refers to the first course in a sequence and not necessarily the first term of the school year).
- Once the menus are fully expanded, you'll see a link to a specific course. If this is indeed the course you'd like to register for, click the link.
- Enter the key code depending on your section: [B] for T/TH/F, OR [C] for M/W/F, OR [D] for the daily class. No key code is required for the online course.
- Review the [system requirements](#) and confirm that Flash is updated and enabled in your browser.

The following link includes more detailed instructions on how to register for your course:

<https://community.macmillan.com/docs/DOC-5972-sapling-learning-registering-for-courses>.

**Need Help?** Our technical support team can be reached by phone or by webform via the Student Support Community. Here are their hours and contact information: <https://community.macmillan.com/docs/DOC-6915-students-still-need-help>.

Once you have registered and enrolled, you can log in at any time to complete or review your homework assignments. During sign up - and throughout the term - if you have any technical problems or grading issues, send an email to [support@saplinglearning.com](mailto:support@saplinglearning.com) explaining the issue. The Sapling support team is almost always more able (and faster) to resolve issues than your instructor.

Homework is generally due on Sundays at 11:55 p.m. Do not miss them. The sapling homework will allow you to continue to rework the problem sets until you get them correct. However, with each incorrect attempt you will lose 10% for that section of the question. You will be able to drop the two lowest homework assignments. It is *impossible* to do well in the course without doing these. ***You should have a back up plan in place for any computer/internet issues you may run into.***

### Class Participation:

Participation points will be based on random attendance checks. Students will also be expected to arrive on time each day. Attendance will be called at the beginning of class. I will select 11 days at random and grade your engaged attendance. You must not only be physically present, but also mentally engaged. If you cannot contribute to class discussion or work with your peers, then you may lose your points for the day. Of the 11 days I will drop one and the remainder will equal 10% of your final grade. Attendance and preparation matter to your grade!!!

## Instructor Expectations:

I expect students to show up to class prepared, participate in discussion, and not distract other students. If you and your personal electronics become a distraction to other students, then you will be dismissed for the day and warned. If it is a recurrent problem, then you will be referred to the Dean for removal from the class and any disciplinary action that office deems appropriate.

## Tentative Reading/Topic Schedule

HO = Hubbard O'Brien's Microeconomics

Apr 2-6

Syllabi, Intro – HO1

PPF, Comparative Advantage- HO2

Group Work Pods

Apr 9-13

Supply and Demand-HO3

Surplus, Ceilings, Floors – HO4

Group Work/ Catch-up

Apr 16-20

Elasticity – HO6

Tax - HO4 and HO18.2, 18.3

Subsidy

Apr 23-27

Externalities HO5, Review

**Midterm Exam #1 – Apr 26**

Public Goods

Apr 30-May 4

Film, Exam Review

Consumer--HO10

Consumer--HO10

May 7-11

Production – HO11

SR Costs --HO11

Perfect Competition, Market Structure --HO12

May 14-18

Perfect Comp

Shutdown, LR Equilibrium

May 21-25

Monopolistic Competition – HO13

Oligopoly –HO14

May 29- Jun 1[No School 5/28]

**Midterm Exam #2 – May 31**

Monopoly HO15

Anti-Trust

Nov 20-26

Factor Markets – HO17

Nov 27- Dec 1

Inequality, Poverty –HO 18.4

Catch-up

**June 14th Semi-Cumulative Final @ 7:30-9:20 a.m.**

*This course schedule is intended to give students an idea as to the content of the course and a rough reading schedule. It is not meant to be taken as fixed, permanent, eternal, etc. If the need arises changes will be made.*

## Affirmation of Inclusion:

Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination.

We Value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect.

## Religious Holidays:

Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or any other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance should be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent, preferably at the beginning of the term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments should be offered an opportunity to make up the work without penalty (if they have previously arranged to be absent), unless it can be demonstrated that a makeup opportunity would constitute an unreasonable burden on a member of the faculty. Should disagreement arise over what constitutes an unreasonable burden or any element of this policy, parties involved should consult the department chair, or Dean.

## College Anti-Discrimination Statement (Title IX)

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For further information and contacts, please consult [College Anti-Discrimination Statements](#).

## Disability Resource Center (DRC):

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you are a person who requires assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan within the first week of the quarter.

If you are a student with a documented autism spectrum disorder, there is an additional access program available to you. Contact [Autism Spectrum Navigators](#) Email and phone number is on the web page. ASN is located in the Library Media Center in D125.

The DRC office is located in B132 or you can call our reception desk at 425.564.2498. Deaf students can reach us by Skype: the address is **DRCatBC** (NOTE: There is no @ sign...it is actually **DRCatBC**). Please visit our website at [Disability Resource Center](#) for application information into our program and other helpful links.

## Student Code:

Any act of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source), and fabrication and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Success for investigation. Specific student rights, responsibilities, and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct at: [Student Code](#)

Social Science Division Policies can be found here: [Social Science Division Policies](#)

Please familiarize yourself with them.