Econ 201: Intermediate Microeconomics
Spring 2017 Syllabus

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Class Location: White Hall 103
Class Time: M/W, 4:00 - 5:50PM

Office Hours: Mon/Wed, 2:30PM - 4:00PM
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IMPORTANT DUE DATES
(Note: All due dates are Wednesdays, except the Final Exam which is a Monday.
Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class (4:00PM))

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If you buy an earlier edition please note that while most of the material is largely the same, page numbers and
chapters may differ. In addition, I will often suggest end-of-chapter problems for review–these too may differ
across editions.

Recommended Resource: Workouts in Microeconomics, 8th edition, by Hal Varian. You can purchase this book,
or an earlier edition is available for at:

http://econ.ucsb.edu/~tedb/Courses/GraduateTheoryUCSB/workouts.pdf

This is strictly for your practice, so the edition largely doesn't matter. When I suggest problems, however,
I will refer to those in the 8th edition.

Recommended (but not required) Supplies: 1) Straightedge (i.e., a ruler), 2) Colored Pencils, and 3) Graph Paper. You may find these supplies helpful when graphing.

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to expand and build upon the fundamental microeconomic concepts covered in ECON101. These intermediate economic concepts will be applied to a wide range of private decision making and public policy issues. While many of the underlying ideas presented in the course should be familiar to students, the intermediate treatment will be more formal and mathematically rigorous than in principles of economics courses.
**Course Format:** During class meetings, I will work from lecture slides while doing additional work on the document camera as necessary. Copies of the lecture slides will be provided at the start of class and will also be uploaded to Canvas under the “Modules” section. Scans of document camera material will also be uploaded to Canvas. I encourage all students to ask questions. Important announcements and the posting of homework assignments will be accompanied by either a Canvas-generated email or an email from myself. Students are expected to check Canvas and their email regularly.

**Instructor Contact:** Please use the class email address (econ201emory@gmail.com) to ask me any class-related questions. I will respond to emails on school days within 24 hours. I will work to respond to holiday and weekend emails in the same timeframe, but responses may be slower. Please note: any student who has need for accommodations based upon the impact of a disability should contact me as soon as possible. Contact the Office of Disabilities Support Services to coordinate appropriate accommodations.

**Office Hours:** My office hours are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30PM to 4:00PM in Rich 320 and also by appointment. I will also hold an additional online office hour on Tuesday evenings from 7-8PM on Canvas to further accommodate student schedules. Online office hours can be accessed by going to the class site on Canvas and then into the “Chat” function. I will be online during that hour to answer any questions students may have.

**Teaching Assistants:** There will be two teaching assistants for the course: Dilsher Dhupia and Baker Lu. They will assist in answering student questions and will hold office hours as we approach exam time; they are also available by appointment. Please email them at their respective email addresses if you have any questions regarding the course and/or material covered in class. Email Addresses: Dilsher Dhupia: dilsher.singh.dhupia@emory.edu; Baker Lu: xiaoyi.lu@emory.edu

**Assignments and Exams**

**Homework:** There will be six homework assignments in the course, which will each be graded out of 20 points. In total, they will make up 20% of the course grade. The assignments are due at the start of class (4:00PM). Homework assignments will be available on Canvas at least one week before they are due. Students may work in groups of up to four on the assignments. Only one assignment per group needs to be turned in, as long as all group members’ names appear on it and their levels of contribution are equal. Late assignments will not be accepted.

**Midterm Exams:** There will be two midterm exams held during class time in White Hall Room 206. The first midterm will be held approximately one-third of the way through the course on Wednesday, October 4. The second midterm will be held approximately two-thirds of the way through the course on Wednesday, November 8. The class before each exam will be dedicated to student questions and review. The second midterm will focus on topics covered since the first midterm, though core topics discussed throughout the class will also appear. Students may bring one 8.5”x11” sheet of paper with writing (or typing) on both sides to use during each exam. I will collect these papers along with the exams. Each of these midterms will account for 25% of the course grade.

**Final Exam:** A final exam will be held during the University’s final examination week on Monday, December 11 from 11:30AM-2:00PM. The exam will be cumulative, but approximately half the test will be given to topics covered after the second midterm. Students may bring one 8.5”x11” sheet of paper with writing on both sides to use during the exam. These will be collected along with the exam. The final will account for 30% of the course grade. Leading up to this exam, I will hold additional office hours outside of the normal time. These will be announced towards the end of the semester.
Student Learning Outcomes: By the end of the semester students should be able to do the following:

1. Use calculus and other mathematical techniques to solve microeconomic optimization problems.
2. Understand how to apply microeconomic models to both consumer and producer- decision making.
3. Solve microeconomic optimization problems under different market structures and in the presence of risk.

These objectives will be achieved through regular class attendance, active participation, thoughtful completion of problems sets, and, of course, adequate preparation for exams.

Grading:
Grades are calculated as follows: Homework (20%), Midterm I (25%), Midterm II (25%), Final Exam (30%). The following standard scale is then used to determine your final grade.

- A 92.5-100
- A- 89.5-92.5
- B+ 87.5-89.5
- B 82.5-87.5
- B- 79.5-82.5
- C+ 77.5-79.5
- C 72.5-77.5
- C- 69.5-72.5
- D+ 67.5-69.5
- D 59.5-67.5
- F Below 59.5

Late Assignments and Makeup Exams:
Late homework assignments will not be graded and no makeup exams for the midterms will be offered. A student who fails to take the midterm at the scheduled time must obtain written permission from the Office of Undergraduate Education. Should the Office of Undergraduate Education grant permission for a student to miss the midterm, the score on the final exam will substitute for the score on the missed midterm.

Academic Integrity:

From the Code of Conduct:

The honor code is in effect throughout the semester. By taking this course, you affirm that it is a violation of the code to cheat on exams, to plagiarize, to deviate from the teachers instructions about collaboration on work that is submitted for grades, to give false information to a faculty member, and to undertake any other form of academic misconduct. You agree that the teacher is entitled to move you to another seat during examinations, without explanation. You also affirm that if you witness others violating the code you have a duty to report them to the honor council.

Please see the code of conduct for additional information: http://catalog.college.emory.edu/academic/policies-regulations/honor-code.html
**BRIEF/TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

Introduction and Calc Review
Preferences
Utility
Budget Constraint
Choice
Demand
Slutsky Equation

*Midterm I: October 4*

Consumer Surplus
Market Demand
Technology
Profit-Max
Cost Min
Cost Curves

*Midterm II: November 8*

Firm and Industry Supply
Monopoly
Monopoly Behavior
Oligopoly
Advanced Topics

*Final Exam: Monday, December 11, 11:30AM-2:00PM*