EC 201 Principles of Microeconomics
SYLLABUS

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

EC 201 009-LEC (7577): TuTh 03:00PM - 04:15PM, 1206 Nelson Hall
EC 201 010-LEC (9489): TuTh 04:30PM - 05:45PM, 2402 Nelson Hall

INSTRUCTOR

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CLASS WEBSITE

https://wolfware.ncsu.edu/
Sign in to your Moodle account by entering your Student ID and password. Problem sets and quizzes will be taken online and all your grades will also be available on Moodle.

CHECKING EMAIL

Please check your email on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the student to check for incoming course related messages AT LEAST three times a week.

Unless students receive advance notification, the instructor will check his email Monday - Friday. If a student sends a comment or question, the student will receive a response within 36 hours.

COURSE DESCRIPTION


Credit will not be given for both EC 201 and either ARE 201 or EC 205.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Libby Rittenberg and Tim Tregarthen, Principles of Microeconomics. The textbook is freely available online (under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 License). We will be using an adapted version of this textbook. Students can view or download the textbook (in PDF format) on Moodle.
GRADING

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(1) Attendance is required and a sign-in sheet will be passed around each class. Students will not be penalized for documented excusable absences according to the NCSU Attendance Policy. Students will also be allowed two unexcused absences; each unexcused absence beyond the two allowed will cause 1% deduction from the total 10% attendance grade.

(2) There will be 6 problem sets; 10 or 15 multiple-choice questions in each. The lowest problem set score will be dropped. Start and end dates of problem sets will be posted on Moodle.

(3) There will be 6 quizzes; 10 or 15 multiple-choice questions in each. The lowest quiz score will be dropped. Start and end dates and the format of quizzes will be posted on Moodle.

(4) There will be 35 multiple-choice questions in each midterm exam (75 minutes).

(5) Final exam (150 minutes) will be cumulative. There will be 60 multiple-choice questions.

(6) There are no avenues for ‘‘extra credit’’; therefore all effort must be focused on the course components described here.

(7) Disruptive behavior can also result in points off your overall grade. Please arrive on time and do not leave before class has ended. Put away cell phones, and do not hold conversations during class. Laptops are allowed, but not recommended.

(8) This course uses Standard NCSU Letter Grading:

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97 \leq A+ & \leq 100 & 93 \leq A & < 97 & 90 \leq A- & < 93 \\
87 \leq B+ & < 90 & 83 \leq B & < 87 & 80 \leq B- & < 83 \\
77 \leq C+ & < 80 & 73 \leq C & < 77 & 70 \leq C- & < 73 \\
67 \leq D+ & < 70 & 63 \leq D & < 67 & 60 \leq D- & < 63 \\
0 \leq F & < 60
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(9) The instructor reserves the right to curve grades at the end of the semester.

LATE AND MAKEUP WORK

Late problem sets will be accepted without penalty in the case of excused absence. Late problem sets due to unexcused absence will NOT be accepted. Makeups of the quizzes, midterm or final exam will be allowed only in the event of appropriately documented excused absence according to the NCSU Attendance Policy. Students who have a documented excused absence on the day of an exam must notify the instructor at least one week in advance to reschedule the exam. No rescheduling for unexcused absences.
IMPORTANT DATES

For Section 009:
2015.09.29 (Tue) 3:00 - 4:15 pm: Course Examination 1
2015.11.03 (Tue) 3:00 - 4:15 pm: Course Examination 2
2015.12.15 (Tue) 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Final Examination

For Section 010:
2015.09.29 (Tue) 4:30 - 5:45 pm: Course Examination 1
2015.11.03 (Tue) 4:30 - 5:45 pm: Course Examination 2
2015.12.10 (Thu) 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Final Examination

For Both Sections:
2015.10.08 (Thu) - 2014.10.09 (Fri): Fall Break, no class
2015.11.25 (Wed) - 2014.11.27 (Fri): Thanksgiving, no class

Other important dates (NCSU 2015 Fall Semester Academic Calendar):
http://registrar.ncsu.edu/calendars/academic/#fall

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

[Note. In this section, I am using materials from the syllabus of EC 302, by Dr. John J. Seater. I want to thank Dr. Seater for granting me the permission.]

""My teaching philosophy can be summarized, perhaps a little too cryptically, by the following remark:

'The interested student will find a way to learn.’ [An Italian school teacher, unfortunately anonymous.]

There is a fundamental confusion in American society over who is responsible for a student’s learning a subject. It is not the teacher; it is the student. Almost no one can learn a technical subject such as economics by merely sitting back and listening to a professor talk or by playing entertaining games in class. Hard work is required. You must spend much time outside class studying your lecture notes, reading the textbook, doing exercises, and thinking about what everything means. The consolation is that if you work hard, you will learn, even if you consider me a terrible teacher.

I teach in the traditional lecture format, in which I explain the material and you listen and ask questions. You then go back to your dorm room and study. This university is very enamored of recent teaching fads, called “active learning.” In my opinion, those methods are mostly rubbish that confuse feeling good with learning something. My commitment as the professor is to the subject. My job is to choose the relevant material and present it to you in a coherent way. It is not my job to find ways to make the subject interesting to you. I am a social scientist, not an entertainer. Your commitment as the student is to studying. Your job is to learn the subject matter of the course. You are students, not merely an audience seeking diversions to pass the time."

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STUDENT CONDUCT

Academic Integrity:
Students are required to comply with the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct found at: http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01

Academic Honesty:
Students are required to uphold the university Honor Pledge and exercise honesty in completing every assignment. For a detailed explanation of academic honesty see: http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01

Honor Pledge:
Your signature on any test or assignment indicates: “I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this test or assignment.”

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, student must register with the Disability Services Office (http://www.ncsu.edu/dso), 919-515-7653. For more information on NC State's policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation at http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-20-01

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

NC State University provides equality of opportunity in education and employment for all students and employees. Accordingly, NC State affirms its commitment to maintain a work environment for all employees and an academic environment for all students that is free from all forms of discrimination. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation is a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Harassment of any person (either in the form of quid pro quo or creation of a hostile environment) based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation also is a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Retaliation against any person who complains about discrimination is also prohibited. NC State's policies and regulations covering discrimination, harassment, and retaliation may be accessed at http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-04-25-05 or http://www.ncsu.edu/equal_op/. Any person who feels that he or she has been the subject of prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 515-3148.