

Economics 3010-102
Intermediate Price Theory
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Office hours:

OFFICE HOURS. I am generally available from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday, & 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday. These are the times when I can usually be found in my office. Students who wish to be sure of finding me in my office can call before coming to see me or can make an appointment. If you wish to contact me and I am not in my office, use e-mail. I will respond to e-mail messages; I will not respond by telephone when messages are left for me.

Text: *Microeconomics* (Bernheim & Whinston, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, 2008).

****The deadline for dropping this course is Thursday, 10/27/11.****

Exams:

There are four (essay and problem type) exams. You should have at least one week's notice before each exam. The 1st exam will be before the drop date, & the 4th will be at the regular class time, **Wednesday, 12/07/11** (the last day of class before the final exam period). There is no final exam. I will be available from 3-4 PM, Wednesday, 12/14/11 (the time for the final exam) to discuss your course grade.

GRADE. Your grade will be based on your scores on exams 1-4. Each exam is initially worth 50 points. Total points are determined in the following manner:

- Drop the lowest score of the four exams. Thus, if you miss one exam, that will be the score that is dropped. There are no make up exams
- Call the remaining three scores X_H , X_M , & X_L for the highest, middle, & lowest of these three scores.
- Total points = $1.5[X_H + X_M] + X_L$. Thus there are 200 possible points.

Course Outline

Note: Readings are from Bernheim & Whinston (**B&W**) & a handout (**H**) I will give you. For example, **B&W 3** means read chapter 3 in Bernheim & Whinston, & **H1** means read Part 1 in the handout.

Section I.

Topic 1. Introduction; review of calculus; supply & demand; & elasticity.

Read: **B&W 1, 2, & 3.**

Topic 2. Production.

Read: **B&W 7.**

Topic 3. Cost.

Read: **B&W 8.**

Topic 4. Profit maximization with competition.

Read: **B&W 6** (pp.178-180: *Consumer Surplus*) & **9.**

*****EXAM I*****

Section II

Topic 5. Equilibrium & efficiency.

Read: **B&W 14.**

Topic 6. Market interventions.

Read: **B&W 15** (excluding **15.3**).

Topic 7. Choices over time; human capital.

Read: **B&W 10** (pp.324-337 & 352-364).

*****EXAM II*****

Section III

Topic 8. Monopoly.

Read: **B&W 17** (excluding **17.6-17.8**).

Topic 9. Pricing policies.

Read: **B&W 18, H1, & H2.**

*****EXAM III*****

Section IV

Topic 10. Strategy.

Read: **B&W 12.**

Topic 11. Asymmetric information.

Read: **B&W 21** (reading for this chapter will be made available to you; it's not in your text), & **H3.**

*****EXAM IV*****

Classroom behavior. You should come to class to take notes, ask & answer questions, & participate in discussion. Inappropriate classroom behavior includes sleeping or doing things other than taking notes (e.g. reading your mail, **checking your text messages**, or doing an assignment for another class).

Students entering class late or leaving early disrupt the concentration of other students & me. Thus, try to not enter the classroom late. If you have an appointment which requires you leave class early, tell me before class.

Students with learning disabilities.

If you have a verifiable learning disability and request special treatment for exams, **you must speak to me in advance of exams** & I will then tell you what can be done to accommodate you.