

# ECON 3070-010 : Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

## Spring 2021

### Syllabus

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*Course Meetings* Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 10:20 AM in REC C250

*Office Hours* Monday 12:00-1:30 PM and Wednesday 8:30-10:00 AM

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## Course Info

*Description* This course introduces the theoretical framework for analyzing the economic behavior of individual decision-makers, such as consumers, workers, and firms. The course will be divided roughly into 3 parts. The first will be an introduction to microeconomics, along with a review of supply and demand. The second part will be a discussion of consumer and firm behavior in competitive markets, along with an analysis of these markets. The third part of this course, we will relax some of the assumptions built into our model of competitive markets and consider cases where these assumptions do not hold.

*Prerequisites* ECON 2010 AND one of ECON 1088, MATH 1081, MATH 1300, MATH 1310, APPM 1350, or FNCE 2010 with a minimum grade of C-.

## Textbook

Microeconomics with MyLab, 9th Edition, by Pindyck and Rubinfeld, Pearson Publishing, ISBN 9780134153988. Students are required to have access to MyLab (which includes an eBook) at a minimum and can optionally choose to purchase a paper text. MyLab is where you will read your textbook and complete some graded assignments. You will access MyLab through our course website on Canvas.

## Structure

On the following dates and times the midterms and final exam will be held:

Midterm 1: Friday, February 19 10:20-11:10 AM

Midterm 2: Friday, March 19 10:20-11:10 AM

Midterm 3: Wednesday, April 21 10:20-11:10 AM

Final: TBD, determined by university

Lowest Midterm: 0%

Final Exam: 25%

I will assign letter grades with a +/- . I will follow economics department guidelines which means the average grade will be curved to a B-. The size of this curve will not be known until after all components of the course have been graded.

## Course Policies

*Missed Assignments* In the case that an extreme illness is experienced leading to missing homework and/or early modules I will shift the weight of these to subsequent homeworks and/or early modules. In the case that a midterm exam is missed then the final exam score will replace the missed midterm (there will be no make-up exams). Proper documentation will be required for all missed assignments. **A time-stamped note from Wardenburg does not qualify as an extreme illness.**

*Communication* Outside of lectures and office hours, the optimal way to contact me is through email. I will not respond to emails if the answer to your question is in the syllabus. Please use your Colorado.edu account to email me, and include in the subject line ECON 3070. Please allow 24 hours for a response during the week, and 48 hours on weekends. I will occasionally distribute information through official university email; thus, it is expected that you will maintain and monitor your university email address.

*Exam Policy* Exams are the only components used to determine grades for which collaboration is explicitly prohibited. If you are caught cheating you will receive a 0 on the associated assignment. Non-graphing calculators are allowed to be used during exams; use of any other device will be considered cheating. An online proctoring service may be utilized while exams are taken. I do not know what data the online proctor collects nor how securely this data is stored; by enrolling in this class you acknowledge that I am not liable for this and that you will be agreeing to the terms of service dictated by the online proctor.

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*Electronics* Cell phone use is not permitted during class. If there is an emergency requiring the use of



Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and nonacademic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion).