

E321: Intermediate Microeconomics - Summer 2017
Section: 6394 (11:00 - 12:15) Everyday WY 005

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Office Hours: Wednesdays **1:00 - 2:30, no appointment necessary**. Also, additional meetings can be made by appointment via email. **If you email to make an appointment, be sure to provide several possible meeting times** that work with your schedule. This will help make scheduling more efficient.

PREREQUISITES: Introduction to Microeconomics - E201 or S201; Differential Calculus - M199 or M211 or M213 (see <https://www.khanacademy.org/> for a great resource for reviewing math concepts).

Class Information: Canvas will be used regularly during the semester to post class information, exam information, homework, ect.

Text - There is no required text for the course. However, I highly recommend purchasing at least one of the two books listed below. Both texts provide good explanations of the course topics. The only difference is the second text by Varian is more mathematically intensive.

Browning and Zupan, *Microeconomics, Theory and Applications*, 12th edition, Wiley

Varian, *Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus: A Modern Approach*, 1st edition, WW Norton

Grading Policy: Your course grade will depend on performance in the following areas.

Exam 1 - weighted at 30% of your final grade

Exam 2 - weighted at 30% of your final grade

Exam 3 - weighted at 30% of your final grade

Attendance and Homework - weighted at 10%.

Exams: Exams are multiple choice and short answer. **Any questions regarding the grading of a particular exam must be brought to the instructors attention within one week of the graded exams being returned.** All dates given below are **TENTATIVE**, except for the final. **Students** are responsible for confirmation of these dates.

Tentative Exam Dates:

Exam 1 **Monday, July 3**

Exam 2 **Tuesday, July 18**

Exam 3 **Friday, July 28**

Make-up for Exams: If it is necessary to miss one of the three regularly scheduled semester exams, the student must contact the instructor as soon as possible (before the exam if possible) **via e-mail**. The email should contain the reason for missing the exam.

Students missing any exam will take a **comprehensive make-up exam** at the end of the semester (the week prior to the final exam). Any student missing an exam and not receiving an official excuse will receive a grade of zero for that exam. Any student requiring the make-up exam is responsible for contacting the instructor to make arrangements for the exam. The weight of the make-up exam will be determined by the weight of the exam or exams missed during the semester. **The policy on missing one exam is fairly lenient. Any student missing more than one exam must have well documented health reasons for missing the exams.**

Reading and homework assignments will be posted on Canvas.

Attendance and Homework (10%): Attendance and homework are extremely important in this class. Exam coverage will be closely tied to class lectures and homework assignments, with the text providing supplementary discussions. Attendance will be taken most class days. Homework problems will be assigned about twice a week.

- **Attendance policy** - full credit for attendance will be given to any student missing 2 or fewer classes. Missing more than 2 classes will mean partial credit for attendance based on % of classes missed. Makeup work for attendance will be given only under extraordinary (well documented) circumstances. Any request for makeup work for attendance should begin with an email to the instructor, **within one week of the missed class**, explaining why makeup work should be considered an option.
- **Homework Policy** - homework will be turned in **at the beginning of class on the due date**. Homework will not be graded. To receive credit, however, a student must show a serious effort to solve all problems. Students may discuss the solutions with others. However, **completion of the assignment must be done independently. Copying any part of another students work is academic misconduct.** If for some reason a student cannot attend class on the due date for homework, the student can turn the assignment in early to the receptionist in Wylie Hall 105 or have a friend turn the homework in for them. Requiring makeup work for homework should not be an issue. For that reason, makeup work for a missed homework assignment will occur only under extraordinary (well documented) circumstances. Any request for makeup work for homework should begin with an email to the instructor, **within one week of the missed assignment**, explaining why makeup work should be considered as an option.

Note: Homework assignments will not be returned. Thus, students should make a copy of their homework in order to compare their solutions to answer keys that will be posted after the homework due date.

Extra-Credit: Under no circumstances will extra-credit work be given to individual students other than that discussed in the syllabus. During the semester there will be an optional class exercise in which extra credit points can be earned.

If you desire classroom/testing accommodations for a disability, contact the instructor outside of class. Present the written supporting memorandum of accommodation from the Office of Disability Services for Students (www.indiana.edu/iubdss). Requests for accommodations must be made no less than two weeks in advance of need. No accommodation should be assumed until authorized by your instructor.

Indiana University guidelines are followed on issues of academic dishonesty. As a student at IU, you are expected to adhere to the standards and policies detailed in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (Code)*. When you submit an assignment with your name on it, you are signifying that the work contained therein is all yours, unless otherwise cited or referenced. If you are unsure about the expectations for completing an assignment or taking a test or exam, be sure to seek clarification beforehand. All suspected violations of the *Code* will be handled according to University policies. Sanctions for academic misconduct may include a failing grade on the assignment, reduction in your final course grade, a failing grade in the course, among other possibilities, and must include a report to the Dean of Students who may impose additional disciplinary sanctions.

Last Day to Drop with Automatic W: Tuesday, July 11

GRADING SCALE: At the end of the semester, you will have weighted scores adding up to 100 points or less (not counting extra-credit). Your final letter grade for the course will be based on the following scale - expressed as a percentage of 100 points.

A+ (100-100+)	B+ (87-89)	C+ (74-76)	D+ (59-61)	F (Below 47)
A (93-99)	B (80-86)	C (65-73)	D (50-58)	
A- (90-92)	B- (77-79)	C- (62-64)	D- (47-49)	

Notes for class:

“Class notes” will periodically be posted in Canvas. These notes will be designed to help you in the process of taking notes during lecture. This process should help you to pay more attention to the lecture, as well as helping you to build an accurate and organized set of notes from which to study.

The notes on Canvas are not meant to be complete. In fact, in most cases the notes will be purposefully left incomplete, requiring you to complete the notes as the lecture proceeds.

You are not required to print and bring these notes to class, but it is highly recommended. I suggest you create a binder with class notes. I also suggest you have extra paper for times when extra notes are needed (or keep the “backside” of the pages for additional notes from class. An alternative is to copy the notes before class in your own handwriting into a notebook of your choice (leaving ample room for additional notes and the backside of the pages).

Closing comments:

I cannot emphasize enough that this class requires regular attendance and extra work outside of class. It is viewed by the Department of Economics as being the foundational class for almost all upper level economics classes. It is no surprise that it serves as a prerequisite for many classes.

Some refer to E321 as being E201 on steroids. This is not a bad analogy.