

Spring 2010
Economics 303

Intermediate Microeconomics
MWF (Sec 001) 12:40–1:30pm, B102A
T Th (Sec 002) 1:40–2:55pm, B102B
MWF (Sec 003) 10:40–11:30am, B102B

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This syllabus is for Ec303 sections 001, 002, and 003

I. Required Textbook:

a. *Microeconomics plus MyEconLab student access kit*, latest (5th) edition, by Jeffrey M. Perloff (Pearson Addison Wesley).

PREREQ: Principles of Microeconomics (EC202)

2. Course Description:

This course will explore the decision making of economic agents (consumers and firms). It will also examine how different market mechanisms operate to allocate resources. The material in this course will build upon and broaden the skills and economic concepts that were learned in ECON 202. It is a 300-level course and therefore, it will be demanding. Knowledge of basic math functions (e.g., solving equations, calculating slope, etc.) is essential for success in this class. We will begin by studying the theories of the consumer and the producer. Next we will combine both in the study of individual markets, including perfect competition, monopoly, oligopoly, etc. Following this study of individual markets, we will discuss how all markets interact in the economy and emphasize the efficiency properties of the competitive system. In the final section of the course, we will analyze some topics that have come to play a more centralized role in microeconomic theory, such as game theory and strategic decision-making under uncertainty. The applied nature of the course will prepare students for more advanced studies in economics, as well as in managerial and public policy decision making.

3. Lectures & Readings:

I use white board for my class lectures. Therefore, good note-taking is absolutely essential. The concepts, theory, and explanations of the topics covered in the lectures will require regular class attendance and participation. For certain chapters and concepts, I may also use Powerpoint presentations.

The total number of chapters will be determined by the progress we make each day in class, but I intend to cover chapters 1-9, 11, and 13 from the Perloff textbook. Reading assignments, either from the textbook or other sources, will be made on an as-needed basis. You are expected to read each chapter before we cover it in class.

5. Homework Assignments and Study Aids:

Homework assignments are designed to help you master the concepts and tools that we cover in class. These problem sets will be assigned using the online supplement

that is bundled with your textbook, MyEconLab. Be sure to purchase your access if you have a used copy of the textbook. All students must be registered after the first day of class. **Homework submission deadlines are non-negotiable.**

MyEconLab offers other study tools to aid your comprehension of the course material, so you will familiarize yourself with these tools and use them as we make our progress through the textbook chapters.

6. Assessment & Class Policy:

Your progress toward achieving the above goals will be assessed using scores from 3 out of 4 non-cumulative exams, and homework assignments. Homework assignments will account for 25% of your final grade. Each exam will consist of multiple choice questions that are based on the homework assignments, from material discussed/covered in class lectures, and from the readings. Exams must be taken on the scheduled dates. There are no makeup exams, and no late assignments will be accepted. The lowest score from the four exams will be dropped.

A 4.0 grading scale will be used for this class, consistent with Boise State University's grading policy (see section 9 below for details).

7. Your Responsibilities:

- Attend every class meeting.
- Read the assigned chapters before class and come prepared to discuss the topics in class. This practice will introduce you to the material.
- Be aware of all announcements made in class about test dates, assignment due dates, course content, test content and other course information. Some of this information may also be available on Blackboard. It is important that you check Blackboard on a daily basis. If you can't make it to class, make sure you arrange to obtain the information you missed.
- Register on MyEconLab (Instructions are included on the last page of this document and there will be a demo on the first day of class). Work on the homework assignments and submit them on time. These assignments are also practice sets to help you perform better in the exams.
- Clarify any confusion you have on the class material by asking questions in class and/or discussing it with me. The material in ECON 303 builds on itself, so be sure to stop by my office hours if you have any difficulties or any questions about the material covered in the class so that you don't fall behind.
- Turn off cell phones during class or set it to silent mode. If you have to receive a call, you will leave the class room.
- There are some disruptive behaviors that I will not tolerate in the classroom. Some of those include talking among yourselves while I am lecturing and being rude to your classmates and/or myself.

8. Grading Weights

Exam #1	25%
Exam #2	25%
Exam #3	25%
Homework	25%

	100%

Grading policies and exam grades are final and not subject to negotiation.

9. Grading Scale

A+	96.5 and above	C	72.5 - 76.49
A	92.5 - 96.49	C-	69.5 - 72.49
A	89.5 - 92.49	D+	66.5 - 69.49
B+	86.5 - 89.49	D	62.5 - 66.49
B	82.5 - 86.49	D-	59.5 - 62.49
B-	79.5 - 82.49	F	59.49 or less
C+	76.5 - 79.49		

10. Academic Integrity

I will follow the rules as set forth in the Code of Conduct for Boise State University. Refer to Boise State's Student Code of Conduct for definitions of cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty as well as policies and procedures for handling such cases which can be found at: <http://www.boisestate.edu/osrr/>

I strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with this policy as it is applicable to all of your classes and dealings with the University. Any student found plagiarizing, cheating or fabricating any assignment will receive an automatic "F" for the course and be dismissed from class immediately.

11. Disabilities:

If any student has a disability that requires special accommodation in class, for assignments, exams or any other task please come and see me by the second week of class. Information regarding disabilities and accommodations that the University can make for you are available at the Boise State University website.

12. Course Outline: (Subject to change)

Week 1:	Chapter 1	Introduction
Week 2:	Chapter 2	Supply and Demand
Week 3:	Chapter 3	Applying the Supply and Demand Model
Week 4:	Review & Exam 1	
Week 5:	Chapter 4	Consumer Choice
Week 6:	Chapter 5	Applying Consumer Theory
Week 7:	Chapter 6	Firms and Production
Week 8:	Review & Exam 2	
Week 9:	Chapter 7	Costs
Week 10:	Chapter 8	Competitive Firms and Markets
Week 11-12:	Spring Break	
Week 13:	Chapter 9	Applying the Competitive Model
Week 14:	Review & Exam 2	
Week 15:	Chapter 11	Monopoly
Week 16:	Chapter 12	Pricing
Week 17:	Chapter 13	Oligopoly & Monopolistic Competition
Week 18:	Review & Exam 4	

13.a. Exam Dates if you are enrolled in a **MWF** class (EC303 Sections 001 & 003)

Exam 1	Friday, February 12, 2010
Exam 2	Friday, March 12, 2010
Exam 3	Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Exam 4 (Finals week)	10:40 am class: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 (10:30-11:45am) 12:40 pm class: Monday, May 10, 2010 (1:00 pm – 2:15 pm)

13.b. Exam Dates if you are enrolled in the TTh class (EC303 Section 002)

Exam 1	Thursday, February 11, 2010
Exam 2	Thursday, March 11, 2010
Exam 3	Thursday, April 15, 2010
Exam 4 (Finals week)	Thursday, May 13, 2010 (1:00 pm – 2:15 pm)

14. Some other Important Dates and Deadlines

Monday, Jan 25	Last day for faculty initiated drops for non-attendance
Monday, Feb 1	Last day to register; add class, etc.
Monday, Mar 1	Last day to drop class or withdraw completely
Mar 29 – Apr 4	Spring Vacation

15. Using Blackboard

I will be using Blackboard (BB) for this course. This will be my primary means of “out of class” communication with you.

Below are descriptions of the main functions that we’ll be using:

Important: Every time you log in, check the ANNOUNCEMENTS and COURSE DOCUMENTS folders

I’ll use the email function of BB to notify you of any sudden changes (e.g., class cancellation). It is imperative that you keep your email addresses up-to-date AND check BB everyday. For technical difficulties with the BB website, **email: blackboard@boisestate.edu; or call (208) 426-2583 (8-5 Mon-Fri); Room: SM 201.**

MYECONLAB

MyEconLab - an online assessment and tutorial system – is a requirement for this course. To access MyEconLab, you will need to complete a one-time registration process, after which you’ll be able to access the site for the rest of the course. If you purchased a new textbook, it should have come with a Student Access Kit that contains a code you can use to register. If you do not have a Student Access Kit, you can purchase access online with a major credit card.

Instructions on how to register and enroll into my MyEconLab course are provided in the following pages.

Pages 5-6 are relevant for those enrolled into **MWF section** of Intermediate Micro.

Pages 7-8 are relevant for those enrolled into **TTh section** of Intermediate Micro.

Instructions for Intermediate Microeconomics – MWF classes (EC303 Sections 001 & 003)

How to Register & Enroll in Your MyEconLab Course

Welcome to MyEconLab! Your instructor has set up a MyEconLab course for you.

To join your instructor's course, please complete the following **two** steps:

1. **REGISTER** for MyEconLab, and, 2. **ENROLL** in your instructor's course

To Register for MyEconLab

To register, you will need a **student access code** and a **course ID**. If you don't have an access kit, you can purchase access online at <http://www.myeconlab.com>.

You will have the choice to purchase access with or without a full etext. Once enrolled in your professor's course, you will also have the option to purchase a discounted version of your text.

Textbook: *Perloff: Microeconomics, 5e*

Course Name: MWF Intermediate Microeconomics

Course ID: [XL0F-J1WC-101Y-9GE2](#)

Steps to Register:

1. Go to <http://www.myeconlab.com> and click the Student button, in the Register section.
2. Enter the course ID, XL0F-J1WC-101Y-9GE2 and click Next.
3. Choose to register an access code (came with your new book) or purchase access if you don't have an access kit/code.
4. Click the button to proceed to registration.
5. Follow the instructions to create your account.
6. Click the link to login. You'll be directed to <http://www.myeconlab.com>, where you can enter the user name and password you just created. Click the login button.
7. The first time you enter the site you'll be asked to enter your course ID. Enter your course ID, XL0F-J1WC-101Y-9GE2.
8. Be sure to click on the Browser Check link on the Announcements page or in the upper right of the screen the first time you login and anytime you use a new computer. This wizard will walk you through the installation of the software you will

need to use the MyEconLab resources (such as Flash).

Note: the software may already be installed in the school lab, so in that case check first with your lab administrator.

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1. Go to <http://www.myeconlab.com>
2. Enter the user name and password you just created, and click Log In (or hit the enter key).
If you purchased access, visit the **Student Center** inside your Instructor's Course for additional purchase options.

Note: If you are taking two MyEconLab courses simultaneously you will need two separate login accounts.

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Intermediate Microeconomics – TTH class (EC303 Section 002)

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Textbook: *Perloff: Microeconomics, 5e*

Course Name: T TR Intermediate Microeconomics

Course ID: [XL0F-J1WE-201Y-1GE2](#)

Steps to Register:

9. Go to <http://www.myeconlab.com> and click the Student button, in the Register section.
10. Enter the course ID, XL0F-J1WC-101Y-9GE2 and click Next.
11. Choose to register an access code (came with your new book) or purchase access if you don't have an access kit/code.
12. Click the button to proceed to registration.
13. Follow the instructions to create your account.
14. Click the link to login. You'll be directed to <http://www.myeconlab.com>, where you can enter the user name and password you just created. Click the login button.
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