UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Economics 301: Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus

Course Information:
Semester: Fall 2015
Section: Section 01
Meeting time: MWF 11:10-12:00
Classroom: LA 337
Credits: 3 credits
CRN: 70052

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Course Description:
This course is designed to give you a solid grounding in microeconomic theory. We will review, refine
and expand upon the methods of analysis you learned in Principles of Microeconomics. The focus of this
class is economic models and theory. The course is roughly divided into three sections: the derivation of
demand, the derivation of supply, and using supply and demand.

Prerequisites:
ECNS 201S: Principles of Microeconomics and Calculus (M 162 or M 171).

Required Text:
None.

Optional Text:
You do not need a text book nor do I recommend the optional text. There are plenty of resources
available on the internet. If you absolutely need a text I suggest: Varian, Hal R., Intermediate

Learning Outcomes:
Students who successfully complete ECNS 301 will be able to:
1. demonstrate a solid foundation in calculus-based microeconomics, including consumer theory,
   firm behavior, competitive markets, monopoly, imperfect competition, and extensions of the
   basic theory to additional topics such as game theory, externalities, public goods, asymmetric
   information.
2. apply mathematical tools (e.g., partial derivatives) they have learned in calculus courses to a
   variety of problems.
3. use mathematics and graphs, in conjunction with good writing, to explain economic
   phenomena.
4. use calculus-based microeconomics to reason their way through abstract problems and real policy issues, and to explain how abstract problems can provide insight into the real world.
5. demonstrate the preparation necessary to do well in field courses that have calculus-based microeconomics as a prerequisite.

Assessment:
You will be assessed with weekly quizzes every Friday (except 11/27) and a comprehensive final exam. Your total quiz percentage will account for 85% of your grade and your final exam percentage will account for 15% of your grade.

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<td>Quizzes (14 quizzes)</td>
<td>85%</td>
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Policies:
1. If you miss a quiz and you contact me prior to or immediately after the quiz, we will make arrangements for dealing with the missing score (usually a make-up quiz). If I am not contacted promptly, then no make-up quiz is possible.
2. If my office hours conflict with your schedule, see me for an appointment or try to catch me in my office by chance.
3. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students. If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance, and you have not already registered with Disability Services, please contact Disability Services in Lommasson Center 154 or 406.243.2243. I will work with you and Disability Services to provide an appropriate modification. For more information, visit the Disability Services for Students website (http://www.umt.edu/dss).
4. All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code (http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php). Academic dishonesty will result in a score of zero for the work in question and possible university sanctions.
5. The University sets deadlines for adding classes, dropping classes, changing grade options, and changing to or from audit status. These policies can be found at the Registrar’s web page (http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/dropadd.php) while the actual dates for this term can be found on the Registrar’s calendar http://www.umt.edu/registrar/PDF/201570ImportantDatesDeadlines.pdf.
6. University policy states “For undergraduates, a CR grade (credit) will be equivalent to a D- or better and an NCR grade (no credit) will be equivalent to an F.” University rules require you to earn a grade of C- or better in order for the course to satisfy the requirements of a major.
7. I do not take attendance. The consequences of missing class are reflected in quiz and exam scores. However, I take material for the quizzes out of lecture, so if you do miss class you will want to copy a classmate’s notes.
8. As a courtesy to your classmates, please set your cell phones on vibrate rather than ring and please leave the classroom to talk on a phone. You may text during class if it does not disturb
those sitting near you and it does not disturb me. Absolutely no texting or cell phone use during quizzes or exams. If you believe that you will need to leave during class, please sit where you will not bother others as you leave. A classroom is a community, so I trust you will act as a mature and responsible citizen and treat each other with respect and courtesy. Please do not interfere with the learning of your classmates. I will ask you to leave if you are interfering with others’ learning and it would be very embarrassing for you.

Calendar:
This schedule of topics is subject to modification. All changes will be announced in class.

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