

Syllabus Econ 201S-04 Fall 19 SS 356 MWF 1–1:50pm

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1. Economics 201S: Microeconomics is a branch of economics that studies how individuals, households, and firms make decisions to allocate limited resources, typically in markets where goods or services are being bought and sold. I will connect the material in class with current social, life and of course economic events and issues nationally and internationally. Your input during these discussions is of the essence. **SPEAK OUT!**

This course is required for economics and business majors and fulfills a general education course for social sciences. Completing Econ 201 will enhance your understanding of how choices made by individuals and society regarding the allocation of resources influence the wellbeing of households and firms.

2. Course Materials: All course materials costs are included in your tuition and are hosted in MindTap. Please be sure to access and learn the basic navigation right away so you do not fall behind on assignments.

Here are the instructions to access all course materials, including assignments:

1. Go to Moodle and access this course
2. Go to the “course materials access code” link, select open in new window and retrieve your access code (copy this access code)
3. Go to the following address

<https://www.getenrolled.com>

and create an account using **this COURSE KEY: MTPPVXSNXTKK**

If you have any issues with access please let me know as soon as possible

3. Exams: There will be 3 non-cumulative midterm exams and an optional final exam on the dates indicated in the reading list. Each is worth 25% of the course grade and the final exam may substitute your lowest score exam. Exam questions will include multiple choice, short answers and problems.

You are encouraged to use a 1 Line calculator on exams. Multiple line calculators, cell phones and portable electronic devices of any kind are not permitted in class on exam days. Collusion on any exam results in an irrevocable zero for that work; in addition to University Conduct Code sanctions (Please see last section).

4. Assignments: Homework is worth 100 points.

	Points	Percentage
Exam 1	100	25%
Exam 2	100	25%
Exam 3	100	25%
Assignments	100 (Scaled)	25%
TOTAL	400	100%

5. Teaching Method: I will be using Power Point slides, lecture notes and the good old blackboard/whiteboard to present the material. I will use the Socratic Method to engage everyone and discuss topics applying the material learned. I expect everyone to spend at least an hour after class reviewing/revising/rewriting your notes. This will help you retain the material and prepare you for the next class better. **IT IS JUST A MATTER OF KEEPING UP WITH THE MATERIAL BUT THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL!**

All notes and videos will be posted on Moodle so the goal will be for every student to understand the material while it is explained and applied in class and then solidifying your understanding of it during the note rewriting.

6. Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism and Cheating:

Appropriate ethical behavior in the classroom is required of every student. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University.

Definition: Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes “cheating” and “plagiarism”, the theft of ideas and other forms of intellectual property – published or unpublished.

Definition: Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the use of another writer’s words or ideas without acknowledging the source. Plagiarism also means “passing off a source’s information, ideas, or words as your own by omitting to cite them, which makes it an act of lying, cheating, and stealing.”

Definition: Cheating

Cheating is defined as obtaining or attempting to obtain, or aiding another to obtain credit for work, or any improvement in evaluation of performance, by any dishonest/deceptive means.

All students need to be familiar with the *Student Conduct Code*, which is available for review online at www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/2585

Important Days**September 23rd****October 18th****December 6th****December 11th****1st Exam****2nd Exam****3rd Exam****Final Exam (10:10-12:10pm)****Tentative Course Outline**

Date	Lecture	Topic
8/26	Ch-1	Introduction to course/ Principles of Economics/ Graphing Review
8/28	Ch-1 cont	Introduction to course/ Principles of Economics/ Graphing Review
8/30	Ch-2	Principles of Economics/ Thinking like an economist
9/2	No Classes	Labor Day
9/4	Ch-3	Absolute & Comparative Advantage
9/6	Ch-3 cont.	Absolute and Comparative Advantage
9/9	Ch-4	Supply and Demand Model
9/11	Ch-4 cont.	Supply and Demand Model
9/13	Ch-5	Elasticity
9/16	Ch-5 cont.	Elasticity
9/18	Review	Review Exam 1
9/20	Review	Review Exam 1
9/23	EXAM 1	Exam 1 Ch 1-5
9/25	Ch-6	Price Controls
9/27	Ch-7	Welfare Economics
9/30	Ch-7 cont.	Welfare Economics
10/2	Ch-8	Taxation
10/4	Ch-8 cont.	Taxation
10/7	Ch-9	International Trade
10/9	Ch-9 cont.	International Trade
10/11	Ch-10	Externalities
10/14	Ch-10 cont.	Externalities

10/16	Review	Review Exam 2
10/18	EXAM 2	Exam 2 Ch 6-10
10/21	Ch-11	Types of Goods
10/23	Ch-11 cont.	Types of Goods
10/25	Ch-13	The Costs of Production
10/28	Ch-13 cont.	The Costs of Production
10/30	Ch-13 cont.	The Costs of Production
11/1	Ch- 14	Perfect Competition
11/4	Ch-14 cont.	Perfect Competition
11/6	Ch-15	Monopolies
11/8	Ch-15 cont.	Monopolies
11/11	No Classes	Veteran's Day
11/13	Ch-16	Monopolistic Competitive Markets
11/15	Ch-16 cont.	Monopolistic Competitive Markets
11/18	Ch-17	Oligopolies
11/20	Ch-17 cont.	Oligopolies
11/22	EXAM 3	EXAM 3 ch 11,12,13,14,15,16,17
11/25	TBD	TBD
11/27	No Classes	Travel Day
11/29	No Classes	Thanksgiving Holiday
12/2	Grade Distribution	Course Wrap up
12/4	Review Session	Final Exam Review
12/6	Review Session	Final Exam Review
12/11	Final Exam	1-3:10pm