

California State University, Sacramento

2020 Winter Program

ECON 201 Intermediate Microeconomics

Course Outline

Course Code: ECON 201

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Credit: 3

Course Description

This course introduces the foundations of microeconomic theory with an emphasis on the individual behavior of consumers and firms. The topics will include consumer theory, producer theory, elements of game theory, monopoly, perfect and imperfect competition, externalities, public goods and how information and uncertainty affect economic decisions.

Upon completion of this course, students will

- be able to describe individual behavior under a variety of circumstances
- identify when markets are efficient and when they are not
- evaluate policies that affect the efficiency of markets
- understand how economic models of individual's decisions are constructed
- be able to apply proper microeconomic tools
- have developed the skills needed for more advanced courses and topics
- be able to engage in an informed discussion on

Course Textbooks

Jeffrey M Perloff, *Microeconomics* 8th edition. (Earlier versions of the textbook will be fine too.)

Detailed Course Requirements

- **Exams:** There will be Midterm and Final Exam. Each exam will make 40% of your grade. Exams will not be cumulative.
- **Problem Sets:** I will post 2 homework assignments. I will not accept late submissions. The problem sets will make 20% of your grade.

Grade Grade Points

A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0

Course Schedule

Chapter 1 Introduction

Chapter 2 Demand

Chapter 3 Applying the Supply-and-Demand Model

Chapter 4 Consumer Choice

Chapter 5 Applying Consumer Theory

Chapter 6 Firms and Production

Midterm Exam

Chapter 7 Costs

Chapter 8 Competitive Firms and Markets

Chapter 9 Applying the Competitive Model

Chapter 11 Monopoly

Chapter 13 Oligopoly and Monopolistic Competition

Final Exam