

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**ECO 332, Section 01W,
Intermediate Microeconomics**

**Course Syllabus
Fall 2018**

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Course Information: Microeconomics, by Goolsbee, Levitt, and Severson. Worth Publishers, 2013. ISBN: 7167-5975-6 You may use earlier versions to save money.

University Catalogue Description: Principles of Micro Economics. 3semester credit hours.

Intermediate Micro Economics. Three semester hours. (2) Demand, cost, and supply functions of firms; sources of data for their estimation; functions of prices and markets. Application of principles to empirical problems, decisions, and situations. Prerequisite: ECO 2302, Principles of Microeconomics..

Course Objectives / Student learning Outcomes: After successful completion of this course, students will:

- Enhance their analytical understanding of microeconomics theory beyond that acquired in the Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 2302 course).
- Integrate theory and practice of microeconomics concepts applicable to challenges faced by individuals, business firms, and policy-makers.
- Integrate the use of mathematics tools, mainly algebra and differential calculus, into the analysis of microeconomics.

Course Requirements and Grading: Opportunities to Perform: Throughout the semester students will have the opportunity to earn and accumulate points up to a maximum of 400 total points as follows:

- Two exams @ 100 points each
- Final exam, non-comprehensive @ 100 points
- Ten Chapter assignments throughout the semester @ 10 points each: 100 points total.

Generally, there will be no make-up work for missed tests, assignments, or other requirements except in cases of documented emergencies. Should such occasions arise, please contact me immediately and, ideally, before required work is due.

Final grades in this course will be determined on the total points earned and based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100% B = 80%-89% C = 70%-79% D = 60%-69% F = 59% or below

Course Calendar: May change due to unforeseeable circumstances. Please plan to read and study an average of one chapter per week.

Week 1, Monday 8/27 – Sunday 9/2, 2018: Chapter 1, General Introduction, and Chapter 2, Supply and Demand. **Ch. 2 homework due on Sunday 9/3.**

Week 2, Monday, 9/3 – Sunday 9/9, 2018: Chapter 3, Price Regulation. **Ch. 3 homework due on Sunday, 9/9.**

Week 3, Monday 9/10 – Sunday 9/16, 2018: Chapter 4, Consumer Behavior. **No homework for Ch. 4**

Week 4, Monday 9/17 – Sunday, 9/23, 2018: Chapter 5, Analysis of Demand. **Ch. 5 homework due on Sunday, 9/23.**

Week 5, Monday, 9/24 – Sunday, 9/30, 2018: EXAM I

Covers Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Week 6, Monday, 10/1 – Sunday, 10/7, 2018: Chapter 6: Producer Behavior and Production Concepts. **Ch. 6 homework due on Sunday, 10/7.**

Week 7, Monday 10/8 – Sunday 10/14: Chapter 7: The Costs of Production. **Ch. 7 homework due on Sunday, 10/14.**

Week 8, Monday, 10/15 – Sunday, 10/21, 2018: Chapter 8: Profit Maximization Under Perfect Competition. **Ch. 8 homework due on Sunday, 10/21.**

Week 9, Monday, 10/22 – Sunday, 10/28, 2018: Chapter 9: Market Power and Profit Maximization Under Monopoly, Ch 9. **Ch. 9 homework due on Sunday, 10/28.**

Week 10, Monday, 10/29 – Sunday, 11/4, 2018: EXAM II

Covers Chapters 6, 7, 8, and 9

Week 11, Monday, 11/5 – Sunday, 11/11, 2018: Chapter 10: Market Power and Price Discrimination. **Ch. 10 homework due on Sunday, 11/11.**

Week 12, Monday, 11/12 – Sunday, 11/18, 2018: Chapter 11, Oligopoly Markets. **Ch. 11 homework due on Sunday, 11/18.**

Week 13, 2018: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 14, Monday, 11/26 – Sunday, 12/2 2018: Chapter 12, Game Theory. **Ch. 12 homework due on Sunday, 12/2.**

WEEK 15, Monday, 12/3 – Sunday, 12/9, 2018: OPEN (in case we are behind schedule)

Week 16, Monday, 12/10 – Thursday, 12/15, FINAL EXAM, COVERS Chapters 10, 11, and 12,

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Browser support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or point release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2L supports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version. Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
 - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
 - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive

- Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- You must have a:
 - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
 - Speakers or headphones.
 - *For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: [JAVA web site](http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp)
<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.

JavaScript is enabled.

Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
 - [Adobe Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/) <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - [Adobe Flash Player \(version 17 or later\)](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/) <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
 - [Adobe Shockwave Player](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/) <https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/>
 - [Apple Quick Time](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/) <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>
- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Brightspace Support

Need Help?

Student Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words “[click here](#)” to submit an issue via email.



System Maintenance

D2L runs monthly updates during the last week of the month, usually on Wednesday. The system should remain up during this time unless otherwise specified in an announcement. You may experience minimal impacts to performance and/or look and feel of the environment.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

As your instructor, I will do my best to respond to your e-mail communications within 24 hours, excluding weekends.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Students are expected to submit assignments and other work on or before the scheduled deadlines, and to take exams during the scheduled periods. Only under documented extenuating circumstances will students be allowed to take exams, or submit other required course work beyond the stated deadlines, provided that the instructor is notified in advance or as soon as the mitigating circumstances permit it.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](#)

<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.