

Principles of Economics
Economics 1
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Time and Location

Tuesday and Thursdays; 10:45 – 12:50 pm; (The course will be administered in an online, synchronous format, i.e. classes will be live streamed at the times listed above and the recordings posted to the “Media Gallery” tab on the left side of the course’s home page on Bruin Learn or in the “Zoom” tab under “Cloud Recordings”.)

Course Description

Introduction to principles of economic analysis, economic institutions, and issues of economic policy. Emphasis on allocation of resources and distribution of income through price system.

Textbook: *Principle of Microeconomics (10e)* by Mankiw (through Mindtap; use the “MindTap Registration Instructions” and “Access to MindTap” on Canvas for assistance with access). I will occasionally post additional readings to Bruin Learn which will supplement the information in the text.

Inclusive Access:

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Everyone enrolled in this course is automatically a participant to start and will have access to the materials through 2nd week of class. Those remaining in the program after 2nd week will be billed for the materials directly to their BruinBill account and will have continued access to the materials. If you do not wish to participate in Bruin One Access or Inclusive Access, you must opt-out by the Friday of 2nd week deadline or you will be billed. Those who opt-out will lose access to the digital materials, will be required to return any print materials provided by the program and will be responsible for obtaining the materials on their own.

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Welcome Session: On the first class of the quarter, I will walk you through the syllabus, explain the assessments, grading, then we’ll get into the topics outlined in the **Tentative Course Schedule** below. This and all subsequent classes will be live streamed and the recordings posted for students who cannot attend. The recording will be made available on Canvas in the “Media Gallery” after the session. The zoom link for “Class Streaming” can be found on the “Home” page under the “Supplemental Material” module.

We will also be using the iClicker app for in-class quizzes/polls. The join code can be found in the Supplemental Information module on Canvas. We will be using the free version through your UCLA login.

Computation of Course Grade: The course grade will be based on assignments, two multiple choice/answer midterm exams, and a cumulative final exam. At the end of the term, a curve may be applied to the overall grades, if there is a >3% deviation from the historical distribution. Since the curve depends on the overall class performance, I am not able to provide estimates for what grade you need on a particular exam in order to pass the class. As a guideline, the historical distribution for core courses is 30% As, 35% Bs, 20% C+/C, 15% C-, Ds, Fs. Missed exams may not be made up.

- ☞ 15% Group Assignments (Approximately 1 every 2 weeks in groups)
- ☞ 25% Midterm Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 6, **July 1**); MCQ, 30 questions, first hour of class, classes held after. The range of the exams will be updated as we go along if we cover more/less material.
- ☞ 25% Midterm Exam 2 (Chapters: 7 – 13, **Jul 15**); MCQ, 30 questions, first hour of class, classes held after. The range of the exams will be updated as we go along if we cover more/less material.
- ☞ 35% Final Exam (Cumulative, **July 29**); MCQ, 60 questions, held in final class.

Exams will be administered synchronously, during the time stipulated for classes; midterms in the first hour, class held after, and the final exam in the final class.

Tips for success:

- 1) Attend classes and do the assignments. You will need to keep up with the material week by week.
- 2) Set up online study groups, for example by using the discussion forum. This will help you stay connected. For your problem sets, you will work in groups of 2-4 students, and therefore, only one submission per group is required. However, please make sure every group member's name is listed on the submission, and that each group member has a copy of the file. To find your group, go to the "People" tab on the left side of the course page, then at the top, click the "Groups" tab and then search for your name to find your group. You can reach out to your group members by posting an Announcement or Discussion post in your group (you can also reach out through Campuswire or GroupMe). Please do this before emailing me about unresponsive group members. If you would like to switch groups, you may do so, but groups are limited to 4 students. **Do not select the "+Group" option.** If you want to form a completely new group, look for a group that has 0 members and "Join"; they're usually at the end. If you would like to be in a group by yourself, join a group with zero people labelled "solo group"; also, at the end. After the first week, the option to switch groups will be disabled and I will combine groups with 1 or 2 people; after the first assignment is submitted, you'll be allowed to switch again for another week.
- 3) Do not be afraid to reach out for more help if you need it. Please refer to **Where To Direct Questions** below. In addition, let me know if you are unable to keep up with the material and weekly quizzes due to health issues, IT problems, or whatever it may be.
- 4) Start the assignment early. To do well, it's important that you start early and give yourself plenty of time.

Email Policy : For course-related questions, you are strongly encouraged to attend the TA sections, use the CampusWire or office hours. For personal matters, please ensure that you include "Econ 1" in the subject line of emails; I routinely delete suspicious emails without opening. If you don't get a response within 48 hours, please follow-up.

Where to Direct Questions:

<u>Types of Questions</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Administrative (course enrollment, advice)	ug-counselor@econ.ucla.edu
Administrative (switching sections, CCLE)	Ed McDevitt (mcdevitt@econ.ucla.edu)
Problem Sets/Course Material	Campuswire/Discussion section/Office hour
Writing	Writing Center (https://uwc.ucla.edu)

Academic Dishonesty: Any case of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. For more details please refer to the Office of the Dean of Students website at <http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dos/>

Course Enforced Policies

- ☞ As of 2024, ECON 1 is designated as an impacted course. **Undergraduate students cannot drop an impacted course after Friday of the second week of a term for other than exceptionally extenuating circumstances. Classes dropped after second week carry a transcript notation of the week the class was dropped.** Impacted courses are indicated in MyUCLA You need to bring a valid form of picture ID on scheduled days of exams. You will not be allowed to take the exam without one. If the semester proceeds virtually, we will discuss exam taking.
- ☞ There are no make-up exams for midterms. Exam dates are indicated in the syllabus. Therefore, if you cannot take an exam on the specified date, you are advised to take the course in a different section. (See new Exam Attendance policy below)
- ☞ You need to bring a valid form of picture ID on scheduled days of exams. You will not be allowed to take the exam without one. If the semester proceeds virtually, we will discuss exam taking.
- ☞ The use of electronic devices such as cellphones, tablets, and devices that allow you to communicate with others, is strictly banned. You will be reported for cheating if caught using them during exams. Therefore, please turn off all your electronic devices during exams.
- ☞ There are no extra credit assignments available.
- ☞ Scientific/graphing calculators are allowed and recommended during exams.
- ☞ All grades are final when filed by the instructor on the Final Grade Report.

Exam Attendance Requirements

All students are expected to attend exams at the scheduled date and time. Exams are an essential component of course assessment, and attendance is mandatory.

Only the [specific exceptions listed here](#) will be considered. If you believe one applies to you, you must email the **course instructor** and **copy the Undergraduate Vice Chair** as soon as possible. Because these exceptions are narrow and well-defined, your email should be concise and provide the relevant documentation described in the link.

Disabled Students and the Center for Accessible Education (CAE): Any student with a pre-existing illness or condition who requests special arrangements must (a) qualify under CAE rules for such special arrangements and

(b) must take the exam with CAE. Any such arrangements with CAE must be made the first week of classes. The instructor must be informed of any such arrangement in the first week of classes. For additional information and the qualification conditions of the Center for Accessible Education, please visit their website at <http://www.cae.ucla.edu/>. All other students must take the exam at the scheduled time under the same time constraints. It is the responsibility of all students who request special arrangements with CAE to be familiar with all of their rules as well as the rules of this class.

Resources for Students Dealing with Financial Stress

- **Bruin Shelter:** <http://www.bruinshelter.org/> Provides a safe, supportive environment for fellow college students experiencing homelessness by fostering a collaborative effort between universities, community-based organizations, and service providers.
- **The CPO Food Shelter:** <http://www.cpo.ucla.edu/cpo/foodcloset/> Provides free food for any UCLA student who may be experiencing hunger and/or struggling to attain food due to financial hardships.

Library Resources

The library offers [equipment rental](#) ranging from laptops and iPads to expo markers. There are also various [research guides](#) with possible funding opportunities, databases, journals and other helpful information. If you are unsure, you may visit the library or book a session with [Maggie Tarmey](#)

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Lecture Topics	Chapters
1 (June 22)	Ten Principles of Economics, Thinking Like an Economist	1, 2
(June 24)	Interdependence and the Gains from Trade, Supply and Demand	3, 4
2 (June 29)	Elasticity and Its Applications	5
(July 1)	<u>Midterm Exam 1</u> Supply, Demand and Government Policies	6
3 (July 6)	Consumers, Producers and the Efficiency of Markets	7
(July 8)	Application: Cost of Taxes, International Trade + Externalities	8, 9, 10
4 (July 13)	Public Sector + Taxation	11,12,13
(July 15)	<u>Midterm Exam 2</u> Costs of Production	14
5 (July 20)	Firms in a Competitive Market	15
(July 22)	Monopoly + Monopolistic Competition	16, 17
6 (July 27)	Oligopoly	18
(July 29)	<u>Final Exam</u>	
