

YORK UNIVERSITY

Department of Economics – Faculty of Arts

ECONOMICS AS/ECON 1000 M : Winter 2008-09

Introduction to Microeconomics

Tuesdays : 1 – 2:30 Vari Hall B

Thursdays : 1 – 2:30 Curtis Lecture Hall F

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We (the teaching assistants and the instructor) will try and answer any emailed questions about the course, but you may not get an immediate response.

websites : <http://dept.econ.yorku.ca/~sam/1000>
<http://moodle08.yorku.ca/>

There is a discussion forum available on the moodle website for the course, and we hope to respond to any questions asked there. (To find out about registering as a participant for the moodle website, check [this website](#).)

TEXTBOOK

The textbook for the course comes in two main varieties:

ECONOMICS : CANADA IN THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT, sixth Canadian edition, by **Michael Parkin and Robin Bade** (Pearson-Addison-Wesley, 2006)

or

MICROECONOMICS : CANADA IN THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT, sixth Canadian edition, by **Michael Parkin and Robin Bade** (Pearson-Addison-Wesley, 2006)

You only need to have **ONE** of the two books listed above.

The Parkin/Bade textbook comes in a whole bunch of different editions, flavours and incarnations. The first book listed above, "Economics", contains the whole of the the second book listed, "Microeconomics", plus the whole of the textbook for AS/ECON 1010, "Macroeconomics". So, if you are going to take (or are thinking of taking) AS/ECON 1010 later on, getting the first, larger book "Economics" looks like a good deal : the "two for 1" book, "Economics" costs only about \$20 more than the "Microeconomics" half. But this advice comes with a ...

Warning : All these books are coming out in a new edition (the 7th edition) this spring. So (i) you may be required to get the later 7th edition for your macroeconomics class (AS/ECON 1010) if you're taking macro in the future, and (ii) the resale price of the current 6th edition of all these books is going to be pretty low, if you're thinking of selling your text once you're finished with it. Which brings me to a piece of ...

Advice : For this course (AS/ECON 1000), try and get hold of a cheap copy of the text. You do **not** need to have the most recent (6th) edition of Parkin/Bade for this course. If you have an older edition, the page numbers will be a little different than in my outline, but the basic content is pretty similar. So if you can find a cheap copy of any edition of one of the texts (from a friend, from a used bookstore, online), that's probably a good choice. Because the price of a current (6th) edition at the university bookstore is pretty steep.

There is also a study guide to the textbook (by **Avi Cohen** and **Harvey King**), which is very helpful, but which is not required. [The study guide is also from Pearson-Addison-Wesley, it also comes in many flavours and editions, and it also may be worth searching for a good deal on the study guide.]

If you buy the retail version of the textbook (either "Economics" or "Microeconomics"), you also get a licence for their online service, "MyEconLab". You do **not** need to access this online service for this course, but you may find some of its features useful for studying and for practice exercises. (You can also purchase access to MyEconLab separately, even if you didn't buy the retail version of the book : see <http://www.myeconlab.com>.)

MARKING SCHEME

component	date	weight	time	
Midterm I	Thurs, April 2	20%	1 -2 pm	in class
Midterm II	Thurs, May 14	20%	1-2 pm	in class
quizzes	throughout the term	20%	online	using "moodle"
Final exam	May 22 – June 2	40%	2 hours	exam period

There will be 12 quizzes during the term. The best 10 will count (2% each). These quizzes will be available online, using **moodle**. So you will need computer access to answer the quizzes. The moodle site is <http://moodle08.yorku.ca>. **Make sure that you are enrolled as a participant at the moodle site for this course (course #CRS02062)**. An introduction to using moodle can be found at <http://moodle.yorku.ca/students>.

The quizzes are all multiple-choice quizzes. They have been set up online so that you will have **60 minutes** to complete each of the quizzes. For each quiz, there will be a window, of about 2 weeks, for you to answer. For example, the first quiz (based on chapter 2 of the text) is available online now, and it must be completed by March 20.

To summarize, to get the 20% credit for the quizzes, you must (i) get yourself enrolled as a course participant on the moodle website ; (ii) log on to the moodle website throughout the term and (iii) answer the multiple-choice quizzes online throughout the term.

RULES FOR TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Academic Integrity : Cheating on tests or examinations is a serious academic offense, which carries serious academic penalties (even for a first offense). You should make sure that you are familiar with York's policies on academic integrity. The policies are available online [here](#). A tutorial on these policies can be found [here](#).

Electronic Devices : You will **not** be allowed to use electronic devices, such as calculators, cell phones, or personal digital assistants, on tests or exams for this course. Leave your electronic devices, as well as textbooks and notes, at the front or side of the classroom, or on the floor, during the exam. Anyone found with electronic devices on them during a test or exam will be charged with academic dishonesty.

Make-up Exams : A student who misses a midterm exam will be allowed to write a make-up exam only if the following 3 conditions are met :

- : The student notifies me **by email** within 24 hours of the date of the original midterm.
- : The student provides a completed **attending physician's statement** (which can be downloaded [here](#)) showing that she or he was incapable of writing the test on the original date.
- : The student is available to write the make-up exam, which is **tentatively** scheduled for 3 pm on the Tuesday after the original midterm date.

A student who misses the final exam, and who wishes to write a deferred exam, must complete a **deferred standing agreement form** (which can be downloaded [here](#)), as well as providing a completed [attending physician's statement](#) showing that she or he was incapable of writing the final exam on its scheduled date.

Deferred standing applies only for students who missed the original exam. **Under no circumstances** will any student be allowed to re-write an exam that she or he has already written. The economics department's guidelines on deferred standing can be found [here](#).

Religious Observance Policy : If a scheduled midterm or final exam conflicts with a day of religious observance, an alternative date will be arranged. To arrange such accommodation, the student must contact me by email, **2 weeks or more** before the scheduled exam date. If the day of religious observance conflicts with the final exam, the student must complete York's [examination accommodation form](#).

LECTURES

lecture	chapter in text	pages in text
graphs	1 (appendix)	17 - 29
opportunity cost and production possibilities	2	35 - 44
demand and supply	3	all
elasticity	4	all
efficiency and equity	5	103 - 115
consumer choice	7, 8	all of chap 7 ; 175 - 178
production and cost	10	all
perfect competition	11	all
monopoly	12	all
oligopoly	13	208 ; 288 – 290 ; 300 - 311
externalities	15	all
public goods	16	all
input markets	17	388 - 412
inequality	18	all