

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics
AP/ECON 2350 3.0N
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II
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Instructor

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Only administrative questions will be answered by email. For questions related to course material, please come to office hours.

Course web site: <http://moodle.yorku.ca>

All course material and announcements will be posted on this site; please check it regularly.

To access the course web site, please follow these instructions:

1. In your web browser, go to: <http://moodle.yorku.ca>
2. Click on '2011-2012'
3. Log in with your Passport York username and password
4. Click on the name of this course (which should be listed on the webpage if you have enrolled)

Lecture Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Lecture Location: CLH-K

Instructor's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 am – noon

Teaching Assistants

Name: TBA

Email: TBA

Office: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Course Description (Prerequisites/ Co-requisites)

Economics 2350 3.0 is a continuation of Econ 2300 3.0. The purpose of the course is to introduce students to standard tools of microeconomic analysis and their applications. Topics include the market demand, the behaviour of the perfectly competitive firm and industry, monopoly, oligopoly, market imperfections, and welfare economics.

Text & Workbook

- Varian, Hal R. "Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach" 8th Edition, Norton
- Bergstrom, T, and Varian, Hal R. "Workouts in Intermediate Microeconomics" 8th Edition, Norton

The course will cover chapters 15 to 32 of the text (or as time permits). The instructor reserves the right to make small changes to the coverage as the course develops. References may be made to other parts of the book and to other books. Students are encouraged to keep up with the material on a lecture by lecture basis.

It is important to study microeconomics by solving problems such as those provided in the workbook. It is highly recommended that you have access to a copy of the workbook even if you choose to share it with one or more classmates.

Preparatory material for lectures may be posted on the course website before the lecture date. Students are required to review this material before coming to class, where time will be devoted to solving exercises based on the posted material.

Grading Scheme

Participation in Online Discussion Forums: 5%

Midterm Exam: 35%

Final Exam: 60%

Course grade: 5% PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION FORUMS +
MAXIMUM OF [{35% MIDTERM + 60% FINAL} OR {95% FINAL}]

No make-up midterm exam will be offered. Students who miss the midterm will have the weight of the missed test transferred to the final exam. Students who fare better on the final exam than the midterm will have the weight of the midterm transferred to the final exam.

The course instructor reserves the right to set a more favorable grading scheme for students who have exceptional performance on the final exam. A student's final course grade is not necessarily confined to a compilation of marks earned on individual course components. Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles. The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.).

Midterms and Final

The level of difficulty is expected to be much higher on the final exam than on the midterm. Hence, it is strongly recommended that students do not miss the midterm exam.

Midterm Date (Tentative): February 14, 2012

Midterm Location: CLH-K, during lecture hours

Midterm Syllabus (Tentative): TBA (all topics covered in lecture till, and including, February 7, 2012)

Final Exam Date & Location: TBA

Final Syllabus: Entire Course Syllabus

Make up policy

No makeup exam will be offered for a missed midterm. No student will be granted permission to write the final exam *before* the scheduled date. All students who miss the final exam must petition for a makeup exam, following the Department of Economics' Guidelines for Deferred Standing (see Addendum A at the end of this document).

Important Dates

Jan. 16, 2012: Last date to enroll *without* the permission of the instructor

Jan. 30, 2012: Last date to enroll *with* the permission of the instructor

Mar. 9, 2012: Last date to drop without receiving a grade

IMPORTANT!!

PLEASE REVIEW ADDENDUM A AND ADDENDUM B AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.

ADDENDUM A
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics
Guidelines for Deferred Standing
(Final exam and term work extensions)

A Deferred Standing (extension) is a process by which students who are either unable to write their final examination at the scheduled time or submit term work before the Faculty deadline to submit final grades reach an agreement with the course director for an extension to the deadline. The course director may grant deferred standing in the course. In doing so, a date is set for writing the exam or submitting the outstanding work. In order to qualify for Deferred Standing, a student must complete the standard Deferred Standing Agreement form. This form is available at the Office of the Registrar and the Economics Undergraduate Office (1144 Vari Hall).

DEADLINE:

Senate Policy states, “Normally requests for deferred standing must be communicated within one week following a missed examination or the last day to submit course work” (the period during which the University is officially closed for December holidays and statutory holidays is not counted in the determination of deadline days).

It is the responsibility of students to make arrangements with the course director to complete the course and file the Deferred Standing Agreement form with the appropriate departmental/unit office by the deadline specified on the form. Appropriate Documentation verifying the circumstances for the missed final examination must be provided at the time of requesting the Deferred Standing from the Course Director.

WHAT IS APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION?

MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Exams missed due to medical circumstances must be supported by an attending physicians statement or a statement by a psychologist or a counselor. The physician’s statement must include the following:

- i) Full name, mailing address, telephone number of the physician.
- ii) State the nature of the illness and its duration (i.e., specific dates covered).
- iii) An indication of whether the illness and/or medication prescribed would have **SERIOUSLY** affected the student’s ability to study and perform over the period in question.

NOTE: the physician’s office may be contacted to verify that the statement was actually completed by the physician.

NON-MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Exams missed due to non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/bus ticket receipt for **emergency travel** (with the date of booking on the ticket), etc. Airline/train/bus ticket/receipts for emergency travel must indicate destination, departure, and return dates. Having to work at the time of the exam or non-emergency travel **is not** considered valid excuses for missing the exam.

ADDENDUM B

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION

The Senate Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP) provides a [Student Information Sheet](#) that includes:

- [York's Academic Honesty Policy](#) and Procedures / [Academic Integrity Web site](#)
- [Access/Disability](#)
- [Ethics Review Process](#) for Research Involving Human Participants
- [Religious Observance Accommodation](#)
- [Student Code of Conduct](#)

Additional information:

- [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Alternate Exam and Test Scheduling](#)
- [Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy](#)
The Senate Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy stipulates that (a) the grading scheme (i.e. kinds and weights of assignments, essays, exams, etc.) be announced, and be available in writing, within the first two weeks of class, and that, (b) under normal circumstances, graded feedback worth at least 15% of the final grade for Fall, Winter or Summer Term, and 30% for 'full year' courses offered in the Fall/Winter Term be received by students in all courses prior to the final withdrawal date from a course without receiving a grade.
- Important University Sessional Dates (you will find classes and exams start/end dates, reading/co-curricular week, add/drop deadlines, holidays, University closings and more.
<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/index.htm>
- **"20% Rule"**
No examinations or tests collectively worth more than 20% of the final grade in a course will be given during the final 14 calendar days of classes in a term. The exceptions to the rule are classes which regularly meet Friday evenings or on Saturday and/or Sunday at any time, and courses offered in the compressed summer terms.
- Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles.
- **Services for Mature and Part-time Students**
The Atkinson Centre for Mature and Part-time Students (ACMAPS) maintains and strengthens York University's ongoing commitment to welcome and to serve the needs of mature and part-time students. For further information and assistance visit: <http://www.yorku.ca/acmaps>