S201: Introduction to Microeconomics Fall 2003

Section: 1829  9:30-10:45 TR

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Class Website: http://www.indiana.edu/~econjw/jw-s201.html - The web-site will be used regularly during the semester to post class information, exam information, homework, etc.


Optional Text (choosing one is recommended but not required):

Paperback: MicroEconomics for Today, Irvin Tucker

Web Text: http://www.econweb.com - Purchase subscription at bookstores or on-line.

GRADES: Your course grade will depend on performance in the following areas.

(A)  3 Semester Exams - each weighted at 20% of your final grade
(B)  Final Exam - weighted at 30% of your final grade
(C)  Homework and Attendance -5%.
(D)  Book Review - The Choice: A Fable of Free Trade and Protectionism, Russell Roberts, Prentice Hall - 5%

EXAMS: Exams are multiple choice and short essay. All dates given below are tentative, except for the final. You are responsible for confirmation of these dates.

Tentative Exam Dates:

Semester Exam 1  10/2
Semester Exam 2  10/30
Semester Exam 3  12/4
Final Exam  12/17

The final examination for this course is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2003 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It is imperative that your schedule permits you to take the final at this time. There will be no make-up exams for the final exam except in the event of an unpredictable occurrence. The final exam is required of all students. Anyone missing the final exam without medical documentation will automatically have 10% deducted from there makeup final exam. If a student does not take the final exam, a grade of zero will be given for that exam.

The last day for an automatic "W" is Wednesday, October 29, 2003. This is also the last day to get a withdrawal slip signed without a special petition.

If you are a handicapped student requiring special consideration in the administration of exams, arrangements must be made and approved by Professor Walker by September 25.

Indiana University guidelines are followed on issues of academic dishonesty.
Make-up for Semester Exams: If it is necessary to miss any exam, the student must contact Professor Walker (before the exam if possible) at his office, office phone, or via e-mail. If this is not possible, contact Professor Walker as soon as possible after the exam.

Students missing any semester exams will take a comprehensive make-up exam at the end of the semester (the week prior to the final exam). Any student missing an exam and not receiving an official excuse will receive a grade of zero for that exam. Any student requiring the make-up exam is responsible for contacting Professor Walker to make arrangements for the exam. The weight of the make-up exam will be determined by the weight of the exam or exams missed during the semester. The policy on missing one exam is fairly lenient. Any student missing more than one exam must have well documented health reasons for missing the exams.

HOMEWORK AND ATTENDANCE: Homework will be given regularly and graded for “effort.” Students are expected to complete all homework assignments. Attendance will be taken most class days. You will be given 2 “free absences” for the semester and attendance will not be recorded on exam days. Failure to complete a homework assignment or each absence beyond 2 will be counted proportionately against the 5% points you receive for homework and attendance.

EXTRA-CREDIT: Under no circumstances will extra-credit work be given to individual students. However, during the semester there will be optional class exercises in which extra credit points can be earned. There will be 3 exercises, each worth up to 100 points, for a possible total of 300 points. At the end of the semester your total extra-credit points will be given a weight in the grade book of .01 -- (EXTRA-CREDIT POINTS x .01). This means that a person can change their final grade average from 0-3 points with extra-credit.

GRADING SCALE: At the end of the semester, you will have weighted scores adding up to 100 points or less (not counting extra-credit). Your final letter grade for the course will be based on the following scale - expressed as a percentage of 100 points.

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