S201: Introduction to Microeconomics

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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, 7th Ed., Michael Parkin

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 25% of your final grade
(C) Collaborative Learning - 7%
(D) Attendance - 3%
(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      9/30
Semester Exam 2      10/28
Semester Exam 3      12/2
Final Exam           12/13

The final examination for this course is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004 from 12:30 to 2:30 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 (or other similar 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.

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.
**Collaborative Learning Sessions:** Collaborative learning (CL) is one hour per week. The student is responsible for handing in homework exercises, following a homework format detailed on the class website, and participating in the learning session. These sessions focus on practice exam questions and discussion questions.

Multiple sections of CL will be offered. Participation in CL is strictly **voluntary**, but **highly** recommended. It is your responsibility to attend the CL session regularly and participate actively! Complete participation earns you a full credit of 7%. Partial participation earns you partial credit. Full participation implies you attend regularly (1 un-excused absence will be allowed), bring prepared assignments, and participate in discussions in a mature and professional manner. The first two CL weeks will be “trial periods” for CL, allowing students to participate and judge whether they want to choose this option. Attendance will be recorded during this trial period. After the trial period, choosing the CL option is a final decision. That is, students are not allowed (except under extreme extenuating circumstances) to drop the CL option later in the semester.

In the event that you choose **not to participate** in collaborative learning, your final exam will be weighted an additional 7%.

**Reading and homework assignments** will be announced in class and posted on the class website. Those participating in CL will take homeworks to CL. Those not participating in CL are advised to do the homeworks. Answers to homework problems will be posted on the class website. Makeup work is allowed for CL if the student has a valid excuse for the absence. Makeup work includes turning in homework and completing the makeup assignment (see class website) within one week of the missed CL.

**Attendance:** 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. Absence beyond 2 class periods will be counted proportionately against the 3% 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.

The last day for an automatic "W" is **Wednesday, October 27, 2004**. This is also the last day to get a withdrawal slip signed without a special petition.

If you desire classroom/testing accommodations for a disability, contact your instructor outside of class. Present the written supporting memorandum of accommodation from the Office of Disability Services for Students (www.indiana.edu/~iubdss). Requests for accommodations must be made no less than two weeks in advance of need. No accommodation should be assumed until authorized by your instructor.

Indiana University guidelines are followed on issues of academic dishonesty.

**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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