

Principles of Economics
Economics 1
UCLA Summer 2020

Syllabus

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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:

Principles of Economics. N. Gregory Mankiw, 8th Edition with MindTap Printed Access Code.
E-book with Cengage Learning. Access code provided at program orientation.

MindTap Tutorials: <https://www.cengage.com/student-training/mindtap/moodle/ia-yes/>

MindTap Tech Support Phone/Web Site: 1-800-354-9706 (Direct Line)

<https://cengage.force.com/s/contact-us>

Computation of Course Grade

The course grade will be based on participation of research projects, one midterm exam, and a cumulative final exam.

- 35% Midterm Exam 1 (Chapters: 1-6, July 27th)
- 45% Final Exam (Chapters 1-16, August 6th)
- 10% Research Presentations (presentations due on July 28th and August 4th)
- 10% Class Participation

Academic Dishonesty Any cases 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

- There are no make-up exams. Exam dates are indicated on the syllabus. Therefore, if you cannot take an exam on the specified date, you are advised to take the course in a different section.
- Cheating on exams is not tolerated and will result in an “F” as exam grade.
- The use of electronic devices such as cellphones, tablets, and devices that allow you to communicate with others, is strictly banned during exams. You will be reported for cheating if caught using them 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.

Email Policy

Students should email me only for personal matters. When you have a question about the course content, you are strongly encouraged to:

- attend the undergraduate Peer Learning Facilitator (PLF, tutor) sessions
- go to the office hours of your respective PLF or mine
- use the class ‘Discussion forum’ (via the course website on CCLE) or email your PLF

Disabled Students and the Center for Accessible Education (CAE)

Any student with a preexisting 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.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Lecture Topics	Chapters
1 (July 20-24)	Ten Principles of Economics	1
	Thinking Like an Economist	2
	Interdependence and the Gains from Trade	3
	Supply & Demand	4
	Elasticity and Its Applications	5
	Supply, Demand, and Government Policies	6
2 (July 27-31)	Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets	7
	Midterm Exam (July 27)	
	Application: The Costs of Taxation	8
	Application: International Trade	9
	Externalities	10
3 (August 3-7)	The Costs of Production	13
	Firms in Competitive Markets	14
	Monopoly	15
	Monopolistic Competition	16
	Final Exam (August 6)	