

**Course Description:** This course will examine the workings of markets under competitive and noncompetitive conditions. Topics include supply and demand, business costs and output, market failures, labor markets, and immigration.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of Economics 100, Principles of Macroeconomics. Eligibility for English 100 and Math 120 are recommended.

**Required Readings:** McConnell and Brue, Economics, 17th edition (Students may also use McConnell and Brue, Microeconomics, 17th edition). In addition students will have to read one article online, “Kicking Away the Ladder,” by Ha-Joon Chang. There will also be handouts.

**Grading:** There will be three midterms and a comprehensive final exam. The midterms are 300 points each, and the final is 400 points. The midterm with the lowest score will be dropped, so that there will be a total of 1,000 points. To be sure of getting an A you will need 851 points, 701 points for a B, 551 points for a C, and 401 points for a D. If your course score is near a cutoff point between two letter grades your final exam grade will be considered. No extra credit is planned.

**Tests:** The tests will be a combination of multiple choice and calculation/graphing questions. There will be an in-class review before each test. All exams are closed book, but you may bring one sheet of notes to the midterm and two sheets for the final. All exams are scheduled for Wednesdays, and any make-up exams must be taken by the following Wednesday.

**Office Hours:** MW, 11 am to 12 noon, TuTh 8:30 to 9:30 am, Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 pm and by appointment. My office is in room 2301, telephone (650) 738-4326, and my email is: [suzuki@smccd.net](mailto:suzuki@smccd.net).

**Other:** Roll will be called in every class. Students with too many absences may be dropped. Students are expected to follow the rules in the Skyline Student Handbook and promote a positive learning environment for other students.

In coordination with the DSPS office, reasonable accommodations will be provided for eligible students with disabilities. If you do not yet have an accommodation letter, please contact the DSPS office at (650) 738-4280.

**Course Outline for Wednesday 6:30 pm Microeconomics class (continued on back):**

Week	Dates	Readings ( <i>Micro text</i> )	Topics Covered
1	Aug. 19	Chapters 1, 2 ( <i>same</i> )	Introduction to Micro and Competition, Foundations of Micro
2	Aug. 26	Chapter 3 ( <i>same</i> )	Supply and Demand
3	Sept. 2		(Classes Cancelled)

**Course Outline for Wednesday 6:30 pm Microeconomics class (continued):**

Week	Dates	Readings ( <i>Micro text</i> )	Topics Covered
4	Sept. 9	Chapter 18 (6)	Elasticity of Demand
5	Sept. 16	Chapter 19 (7)	Consumer Behavior <b>Review for Midterm #1</b>
6	Sept. 23	Chapter 20 (8)	<b>Midterm #1</b> Costs of Production
7	Sept. 30	Chapter 21 (9)	Perfect Competition Return Midterm #1
8	Oct. 7	Chapters 21, 22 (9, 10)	Perfect Competition (continued) Monopoly
9	Oct. 14	Chapter 23 (11)	Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly <b>Review for Midterm #2</b>
10	Oct. 21	Chapter 4 ( <i>same</i> )	<b>Midterm #2</b> Market Failures
11	Oct. 28	Chapter 28 (16)	Externalities and Government Policy Return Midterm #2
12	Nov. 4	Chapter 5 ( <i>same</i> ) and reading on reserve	Comparative Advantage and Free Trade <b>Review for Midterm # 3</b>
13	Nov. 11		<b><i>Flex Day -- No Class</i></b>
14	Nov. 18	Chapter 26, 34 (14, 22)	<b>Midterm #3</b> Labor Markets. Human Capital. and Discrimination
15	Nov. 25		<b><i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i></b>
16	Dec. 2	Chapter 34 (22)	Immigration Return Midterm #3
17	Dec. 9		<b>Review for Final Exam</b>
18	Dec. 16	6:45 to 8:45 pm	<b>Final Exam</b>