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ECO 200Y - MICROECONOMIC THEORY

Course web site: All lectures posted on Aplia.

TEXTBOOK: Microeconomics by Besanko and Braeutigam (3th edition).

MARKING SCHEME: The final course mark will be based on the following:

Best three out of four mid term tests. - 15% each for a total for 45%. Each term test is 2 hours long. Two of these term tests are in the Fall term and two are in the Spring Term.

Only your three best midterm tests will count towards the 45% of the final grade. If you miss a midterm test for any reason, that test will be counted as your worse test and be excluded from the three best midterm grades. If you miss two midterm tests, one test will get a grade of zero and be counted as one of the three best midterm tests. If you miss a first test, and then also miss a second test with a doctor's note, the first test with a score of zero will count in your final grade.

Midterm tests are open book tests. You can bring your text book, notes and whatever aids that you find useful.

Graded problem sets on "<http://www.aplia.com>". See the instructions below on Aplia to get started. This is worth 15% of the total course mark. Each non-test week has one or more assignments. Each week's assignments have the same total value (independent of how many problems or assignments in a particular week). Your problem set grade is the sum of the grades you get for your best *fifteen weeks* problem sets. So a week's worth of your best fifteen weeks is 1% of the final grade. Assignment due dates are posted on the assignments. These due dates are firm. The computer does not accept late assignments. If you fail to submit an assignment for whatever reason, including computer malfunction, you will get a zero for that assignment. Since your problem set grade is based on your best *fifteen weeks* problem sets, there is enough room for missed assignments. If you do less than *fifteen weeks* worth of assignments, you will get zero for the missing weeks.

Final examination - 40%. This exam will cover the entire course material. This exam is common to all the 200Y sections. This is also an open book test. Students who miss the final exam must petition the Faculty of Arts and Science for permission to write a deferred examination in the summer.

TUTORIALS : A teaching assistant will conduct tutorials on Friday noon for an hour. The tutorial will go over forthcoming problems from Aplia and also answer general questions.

AID CENTER: To be announced.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct 20	First term test (covers chapters 2-5)
Dec 8	Second term test (covers chapters 6-10)
Feb 16	Third term test (covers chpts 11, 12, 15, 16)
Apr 6	Fourth term test (covers chpts 14,13, 17)

COURSE OUTLINE AND TUTORIAL ASSIGNMENTS

This is an outline of the chapters to be covered in this course. Some chapters may not be covered in their entirety.

Date	Chapter
Sept 15	
Sept 22	2
Sept 29	3
Oct 6	4
Oct 13	5
Oct 20	First term test – covers chapters 2 – 5. Test is open book.
Nov 3	6
Nov 10	7
Nov 17	8
Nov 24	9
Dec 1	10
Dec 8	Second term test – covers chapters 6-10. Test is open book.
Jan 12	11
Jan 19	12
Jan 26	15
Feb 2	15
Feb 9	16
Feb 16	Third term test – covers chapters 11, 12, 15, 16. Test is open book.
Feb 23	Reading week
Mar 2	14
Mar 9	14
Mar 16	13
Mar 23	17
Mar 30	17
Apr 6	Third term test – covers chpts 14, 13, 17, 18. Test is open book.

How to access your Aplia course

ECO200Y, Sec L0101, Fall 2010

Instructor: Aloysius Siow

Start Date: 09/13/2010

Course Key: SZWB-CWE5-8A2P

You can begin working on your homework as soon as you register!

- In this course, you will use a textbook and Aplia's website.
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- You will have access to a digital version of your textbook on Aplia through the end of this course.

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If you don't have an account, click the *Create a New Account* button, and choose *Student Account*.
3. Enter your Course Key when prompted: **SZWB-CWE5-8A2P**. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions to access your course.

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