

Economics 151: Introductory Microeconomics: Prices and Markets Fall 2000

Class times: MWF 10:10 – 11:00
MWF 11:15 – 12:05

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Course Webpage: <http://www.udel.edu/Economics/mdz>
(you must capitalize the 'E' in Economics)

Materials: The course bundle is *required* and is available at both the University Bookstore and the Book Exchange on Main Street.

Grading:	Exam I	20%	October 6
	Paper	15%	November 22 (by 5 pm)
	Exam II	20%	December 1
	Problem Sets	15%	
	Final	30%	

Attendance: Unexcused absence = zero. Excused absence = ok. Serious illness or death in the family need to be excused through the Dean's Office. Absence of the student due to his or her serious illness, hospitalization, surgery, or short-term military duty needs to be excused through the Dean's Office as well. Athletic participation or other extracurricular activities in which you are an official representative of the school may be an excused absence, but I need to know in writing within the first two weeks of class when you intend to miss class for these reasons.

If you have a disease that can infect the other students simply if they sit in the same room, like influenza, you must send me an email *before the missed class*. Any serious disease which you feel makes you incapable of coming to class can be excused, but you must either send me an email *before class* or come to class and have me send you home. Permission is not a given!

If you intend to miss class on a religious holiday, you must inform me before you miss class. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fall under this category. We will also have no class on Election Day, Labor Day, and if a reasonably powerful hurricane makes it all the way to Delaware.

Finally, if you manage to maintain perfect attendance or near perfect (only missing one class), then I will replace your lowest exam grade with the Final if the Final is better; I would also consider replacing the homework or paper portion of your grade with the Final if this would help you more.

Exams:

There will be two exams. You are responsible for *all* material covered by the book, the CD-ROM, and myself. Expect every slice of information to be incorporated into the exams. *There are no make-up exams in this course!!* In the event that you miss class due to an *excused* absence, the exam's weight (as it is computed to determine your grade) will be shifted to the remaining exams and/or Final.

I will let you know when the Final will be given as soon as I find out myself. Do not buy any plane tickets until you find out! This is not a University recognized excuse.

The Paper:

There will be a two-page *double-spaced* opinion/media paper in this class on a contemporary topic in economics. Papers will be graded on style and content. For style, I recommend that you buy Strunk and White's *Elements of Style*, a tiny writer's handbook available in most any bookstore. For content, I recommend that you read a number of articles (4 to 6 will do fine) on the subject of your choice and assemble the pieces into a coherent argument.

As the due date of the paper nears, I will place several articles and possible paper topics on the course website under *Handouts*. You are not limited to the topics I think of, but you must get my permission before going out on your own.

Homework

There are a number of problem sets in the course bundle, which you will turn in as they are assigned. Late homework is not accepted. In addition, you may be assigned other problems in addition to the work in the course bundle. These will be given out in class.