

University of Southern California
Econ 203 – Principles of Microeconomics
Course No. 26001R, Fall 2008, SAL101
Class Time: 8:30a – 9:45a, M-W

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Required Text: McConnell, C. and Brue, S., Microeconomic: Principles, Problems, and Policies, 17th ed., McGraw-Hill: New York, NY, paperback (2006).

Course Overview:

This course is an introductory course in microeconomics – the study of individual decision makers such as consumers, households, and businesses, as they make decisions to maximize the use of scarce resources. Our discussion of microeconomic theory and its application to current economic problems will be enhanced by regular reading of business and consumer articles in newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal and The L.A. Times.

Grades will be determined as follows:	Grade in T.A. section:	20%
	First midterm exam:	20%
	Second midterm exam:	20%
	Comprehensive final exam:	40%

Participation and performance in T.A. sections are important and required parts of the course. The large size of the lecture section makes it difficult to have discussions. The T.A. sections are small, less formal, and provide a more casual and intimate setting for discussions and questions. Attendance, performance on quizzes, and completion of assignments in T.A. sections will be the basis for your T.A. section grade. In addition, the graded midterm exams will be distributed and reviewed in the T.A. sections.

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to a TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

Schedule:

The following is a tentative outline of the topics to be covered during each class meeting, as the pace of the course may vary. However, the exam schedule will not fluctuate, and each midterm exam will cover material discussed to date.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
August 25	Chapter 1	October 22	Chapter 9
August 27	Chapter 1, 2	October 27	Chapter 9
September 1	Holiday	October 29	Catch-up/Review
September 3	Chapter 2	November 3	2nd Midterm Exam
September 8	Chapter 3	November 5	Chapter 10
September 10	Chapter 3	November 10	Chapter 10
September 15	Chapter 4	November 12	Chapter 11
September 17	Chapter 4	November 17	Chapter 11
September 22	Chapter 5	November 19	Chapter 12
September 24	Chapter 5	November 24	Chapter 12
September 29	1st Midterm Exam	November 26	Chapter 13
October 1	Chapter 6	December 1	Chapter 13
October 6	Chapter 6	December 3	Catch-up/Review
October 8	Chapter 7	December 10	Comprehensive
October 13	Chapter 7	(Wednesday)	Final Exam
October 15	Chapter 8		(8:00a – 10:00a)
October 20	Chapter 8		