

ECON2011A/B BASIC MICROECONOMICS

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Lectures

ECON2011A	ECON2011B
TUE 8:30 – 10:15 YIA LT7 THU 12:30 – 13:15 YIA LT4	MON 16:30 – 18:15 YIA LT5 WED 11:30 – 12:15 YIA LT7

Tutorials

TAs will conduct tutorials to go through problem sets in weeks 4, 8, 13. The meeting time and venue of tutorials will be announced later.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to microeconomics, which aims to provide students a solid background for higher level economics courses. The course focuses on understanding behaviour of consumers and firms and how they make decisions subject to scarce resources. The course covers essential components in microeconomics including consumer theory, production theory, and market efficiency. There are no prerequisites for this course, but an understanding of basic mathematical reasoning (including graphs and elementary algebra) is presumed.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the course, students should be able to understand introductory microeconomics, to solve basic microeconomic problems, and to use these techniques to think about a number of policy questions relevant to the operation of the real economy.

Honesty in Academic Work

Students must observe the University's policy on Honesty in Academic Work

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>

Required and Recommended Readings

Required Textbook:

Mankiw, N. G., (2020). Principles of Microeconomics, Cengage Learning, 9th edition. (older versions are acceptable).

Supplementary reference:

Landsburg, S. (2013). Price Theory and Applications, Cengage Learning, 9th edition.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to read the textbook chapters and lecture slides before class and attend all lectures and tutorials. The instructor explains important concepts with examples for each topic. To help students get familiar with the materials, 2 to 3 practice questions are assigned for discussions after finishing each topic.

Assessment Scheme

Type of Assessment	Weighting	Description
Assignment	15%	3 assignments, equally weighted
Mid-term Exam	35%	In class, Week 10 (tentative)
Final Exam	50%	Centrally scheduled by the university

Syllabus

	Topic	Textbook Chapter
1	Introduction	
2	Thinking like an Economist	2
3	The Market Forces of Supply and Demand	4
4	Elasticity and Its Application	5
5	Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets	7
6	Application: The Costs of Taxation	8
7	The Costs of Production	13
8	Firms in Competitive Markets	14
9	Monopoly	15
10	The Markets for the Factors of Production	18