

INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS II, ECON 201
Department of Economics
St. Francis Xavier University
Fall & Winter 2008

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Time Blocks and Location:

- ECON 201:10; AB and BA at EG22, Fall
- ECON 201:22; MP and PM at NH119, Winter

Office Hours: Monday (10a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Objective: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I builds on the knowledge you gained from the Microeconomics segment in Introduction to Economics (ECON 100). We will examine in greater detail individual household and firm decisions and choices on resource allocation, and the consequent social implications. Emphasis will be placed on theoretical methodology.

Evaluation:

1. **30%** Two Assignments (**15%** each)
2. **30%** Mid Term Examination
3. **40%** Final Examination

If you are unable to attend, a valid reason together with proof must be provided. The decision is vested ultimately with me.

Required Reading:

Perloff, Jeffrey M. (**JP**) *Microeconomics*, 4th edition, Pearson Addison-Wesley

Supplemental Readings:

Varian, Hal R. (**HV**) *Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach*, 7th edition, Norton

Supplemental article readings both theoretical and empirical will be provided to you.

Approach to the Course:

You are strongly encouraged to follow the text and notes closely, and advised to attempt all the questions in the text (and perhaps even the supplemental reading) particularly those with answers. You are free to ask me any question regarding the questions and the classes during the office hours, and you are also free to make an appointment to see me outside of those hours. It is beneficial to your experience here if you can form into study groups, it would help you understand and consolidate the subject matter taught. You are expected to think critically, and not merely memorize the details by rote.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction, Supply & Demand (with applications) (JP Chapters 1 to 3; HV Chapters 6,14-15,22 & 23)
2. Consumer Choice (JP Chapter 4; HV Chapters 1-8)
3. Applying Consumer Theory (JP Chapter 5; HV Chapters 1-8)
4. Introduction to Intertemporal Choice (HV Chapter 10)
5. Firms and Production, and Production Costs (JP Chapters 6 & 7; HV Chapters 18-21)
6. The Competitive Firms & Markets (JP Chapters 8-9, 11-13, 15; HV Chapters 22, 24-26)
7. General Equilibrium & Welfare (JP Chapters 10; HV Chapters 31-34)*