

ECO 1311-001H  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Honors Section  
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**Introduction:**

This is the first course in microeconomics for honors undergraduate students at SMU. The aim of the course is to train students in basic concepts and principles of microeconomic analysis, introduce them to the art of theoretical reasoning and to help them understand the amazing array of real-world economic applications of microeconomic analysis. This course will require familiarity with high school algebra and basic calculus.

This course may be taught at a somewhat more advanced level than other sections of ECO 1311. Students will be expected to work hard.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Inculcate basic microeconomic concepts and tools of analysis
- Equip students with the ability to use microeconomic reasoning to analyze concrete economic problems.
- Students will identify the appropriate quantitative methods needed to solve economic problems.
- Students will apply appropriate quantitative methods to formulate solutions to economic problems.
- Students will solve economic problems through quantitative reasoning

**Textbook (Required):** *Microeconomics* by Jeffrey M. Perloff, Pearson, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2023 [ISBN-13: 978-0-13746839-3; ISBN-10: 0-13-746839-3]

**Attendance:** Students are required to attend classes regularly and in person. A student attending fewer than 75% of classes without valid medical documentation will be assigned a failing grade for the course.

**Home Assignments:** Home assignments will be given out from time to time. It is expected that students will work on these assignments on their own and turn them in class on the due date.

**Examinations:** Student learning will be assessed by three exams: two Midterm Exams and a Final Exam; all exams will take place in the classroom and will be written and "closed book". There will be no multiple-choice questions. The exam schedule is as follows:

First Midterm Exam: Thursday, October 10

Second Midterm Exam: Thursday, November 21

Final Exam: Friday, December 13, 8 – 11 AM

**Evaluation:** The final grade for the course will be the average of the two best exam grades (subject to meeting the attendance requirement mentioned above).

## Rules

- There will no option for a student to join the class on zoom or any other virtual mode; no class will be recorded
- Slides will not be used in the lectures
- Students are expected to go through assigned readings from the textbook before class
- The lectures will cover the core concepts in each topic; students are expected to cover the recommended supplementary material on their own
- If a student misses a class, it will be their responsibility to figure out the material covered in class by contacting other students or the instructor
- Students unable to attend classes for valid and documented medical reasons should contact the instructor as soon as possible and work out a plan to make up.
- No student should enter the class later than five minutes after the class begins
- Cell phones and other communication devices should be turned off during class
- Assignments turned in late will not be accepted unless a valid reason for the delay can be provided and substantiated; solutions may be handed out, e-mailed or discussed in class
- No exam can be taken online regardless of circumstances
- Please don't take this class if you foresee a conflict with any of the exam dates
- No make-up exam will be given except for documented medical reasons or in case there is a conflict with university extracurricular activity. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule a make-up exam with the instructor and to keep the instructor informed about their inability to appear in an exam due to university extracurricular activity.
- No incomplete grade will be assigned except for cases of documented medical emergency during the final exam.

## **SMU Required Syllabus Statements**

### **Title IX and Disability Accommodations**

#### **Disability Accommodations**

Students who need academic accommodations for a disability must first register with Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS). Students can call 214-768-1470 or visit [smu.edu/DASS](http://smu.edu/DASS) to begin the process. Once they are registered and approved, students then submit a DASS Accommodation Letter through the electronic portal, *DASS Link*, and then communicate directly with each of their instructors to make appropriate arrangements. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, but rather require advance notice in order to implement.

#### **Sexual Harassment**

All forms of sexual harassment, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, are violations of SMU's Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and may also violate Texas law. Students who wish to file a complaint or to receive more information about the grievance process may contact Samantha Thomas, SMU's Title IX Coordinator, at [accessequity@smu.edu](mailto:accessequity@smu.edu) or 214-768-3601. Please note that faculty and staff are mandatory reporters. If students notify faculty or staff of sexual harassment, they must report it to the Title IX Coordinator. For more information about sexual harassment, including resources available to assist students, please visit [smu.edu/sexualharassment](http://smu.edu/sexualharassment).

#### **Pregnant and Parenting Students**

Under Title IX, students who are pregnant or parenting may request academic adjustments by contacting the Office of Student Advocacy and Support by calling 214-768-4564. Students seeking assistance must schedule an appointment with their professors as early as possible, present a letter from the Office of the Dean of Students, and make appropriate arrangements. Please note that academic adjustments are not retroactive and, when feasible, require advance notice to implement.

#### **Academic Policies**

##### **Religious Observance**

Religiously observant students wishing to be absent on holidays that require missing class should notify their professors in writing within the first two weeks of the semester and should discuss with them, in advance, acceptable ways of making up any work missed because of the absence. [Click here for a list of holidays.](#)

##### **Medical-Related Absences**

To ensure academic continuity and avoid any course penalties, students should follow procedures described by their instructors in order to be provided with appropriate modifications to assignments, deadlines, and exams.

##### **Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities**

Students participating in an officially sanctioned, scheduled university extracurricular activity should be given the opportunity to make up class assignments or other graded assignments that were missed as a result of their participation. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements for make-up work with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examinations or other missed assignments. (See current [Catalog](#) under heading of "Academic Records/Excused Absences.")

##### **Final Exams**

Final course examinations shall be given in all courses where appropriate, and some form of final assessment is essential. Final examinations and assessments must be administered as specified in the official examination schedule and cannot be administered or due during the last week of classes or during the Reading Period. Syllabi must clearly state the form of the final examination or assessment, and the due date and time must match the official SMU examination schedule. SMU policy states that all exceptions to the examination schedule may be made only upon written recommendation of the chair of the

department sponsoring the course and with the concurrence of the dean of that school, who will allow exceptions only in accordance with guidelines from the Office of the Provost.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Students are expected to embrace and uphold the [SMU Honor Code](#). Violations of the Honor Code will be acted upon in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the [Mustang Student Handbook](#).

### **Generative AI Guidance**

#### **Generative AI is *not allowed* in this course for these reasons:**

The assignments in this course have been designed to ensure that you personally develop and demonstrate the knowledge and skills associated with the learning outcomes laid out in the syllabus without the use of Generative AI.

### **Zoom Use Guidelines**

SACSCOC and university policy require that all in-person classes be taught in person and not moved to Zoom or other technology-mediated modalities, except for [extenuating circumstances as laid out here](#).

### **Student Support**

#### **Student Academic Success Programs**

Students needing assistance with writing assignments for SMU courses may schedule an appointment with the Writing Center through Canvas. Students who would like support for subject-specific tutoring or success strategies should contact SASP, Loyd All Sports Center, Suite 202; 214-768-3648; [smu.edu/sasp](https://smu.edu/sasp). Tutor schedules are available at [smu.edu/tutorschedule](https://smu.edu/tutorschedule).

#### **Caring Community Connections Program**

CCC is a resource for anyone in the SMU community to refer students of concern to the Office of the Dean of Students. The online referral form can be found at [smu.edu/deanofstudentsccc](https://smu.edu/deanofstudentsccc). After a referral form is submitted, students will be contacted to discuss the concern, strategize options, and be connected to appropriate resources. Anyone who is unclear about what steps to take if they have concerns about students should contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 214-768-4564.

#### **Mental Health Resources: Counseling Services & Teletherapy**

Throughout the academic year, students may encounter different stressors or go through life experiences which impact their mental health and academic performance. Students who are in distress or have concerns about their mental health can schedule a same-day or next-day appointment to speak with a counselor by calling [Counseling Services](#). Counselors are available at any time, day or night for students in crisis at this number: 214-768-2277 (then select option 2) They will be connected with a counselor immediately. Students seeking ongoing counseling should call the same number (214-768-2277, then select option 1) during normal business hours to schedule an initial appointment. [SMU Teletherapy](#) provides another free option for on-demand counseling and video appointments with a medical professional.