

# ECN 212. PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS. Honors

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**Microeconomic Principles:** Microeconomic analysis including the theory of consumer choice, price determination, resource allocation and income distribution. Includes non-competitive market structures such as monopoly and oligopoly, and the effects of government regulation. Selected issues are examined.

**TEXT :** Microeconomics Fall 2009/Spring 2010 photocopied notes by Hannes Kvaran.

The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford

**GRADING:** Your grade will be based on tests, a paper/presentation, quizzes and assignments. Grading will use a scale of 90 = A, 80 = B, 70 = C, 60 = D, below 60 = F.

**Tests:** I anticipate four 100-point tests. These may be in-class or take-home.

**Paper/presentation.** You will be complete a paper of approximately 2500 words on a topic agreed upon with the instructor. The purpose of the paper is to explore a current issue using the tools of microeconomics. Time permitting these will be presented to the class. The paper will be worth 100 points. It is due December 2.

**Other additional assignments** will be given if, and as, needed. The point value of such assignments will be announced when they are given.

The first additional assignment (5 points) is due Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Interview someone who sells something. Ask them to explain how the price of the product was arrived at. Why not charge more? Why not charge less? Submit a brief write-up.

**Attendance** is not specifically graded. Past experience suggests a high correlation between class attendance and course grade.

## **You are expected to:**

1. attend class. You may be dropped for poor attendance. Furthermore, material not found in the text may be covered in class.
2. fill out a withdrawal form if you wish to withdraw. Do not stop attending and assume that you will be dropped. This may result in your receiving a failing grade. Withdrawing from a class is the responsibility of the student
3. read the text. You are responsible for the material.
4. **notify me, before the day of the next class period, in the case of missing a test. Failure to do this will result in lost points.**
5. be able to access GCC's Blackboard system. This will be necessary in order to access important material for this class. The URL is: <https://ecourses.maricopa.edu/webapps/login/>
6. follow codes of conduct as outlined in the GCC Student Handbook
7. avoid the use of electronic devices if their use interferes with the learning environment of the class. In particular, you may not have any electronic device (cell phone, PDA) out during a test. Calculators are permissible.
8. let me know if you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodation. If necessary, notify the Disability Services and Resources office at 845-3080. Audio taping of this class is permitted with instructor permission.
9. ask questions and make comments in class.
10. be responsible for the information in this syllabus

**EXPECTED COURSE OUTLINE**, subject to change. Students will be notified by the instructor of any changes of course requirements or policies.

	<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Estimated Test Date</b>
1.	Notes: Chapters 1 – 4 Harford: Chapters 1,2	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>
2.	Notes: Chapters 5 - 8	Oct. 15
3.	Notes: Chapter 12 Harford: Chapter 3	Nov. 19
4.	Notes: Chapters 15 – 18 Harford: Chapter 4, 5, 7	Dec. 15

Material in the appendices will be included as announced.