

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

Instructor: Michael J. Paterra (623) 780 - 0774  
Course Title: MICROECONOMICS - ECN 212  
Section Number: 20897 (3 credits)  
Dates: January 21 – May11, 2009  
Time: M W, 10:00 AM –11:15 AM  
Location: GCN A, Room 105

### **Course Description**

Microeconomic analysis including the theory of consumer choice, price discrimination, 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. Prerequisites: none.

This course satisfies Social and Behavioral Sciences in the MCCD AGEC-A, AGEC-B, and AGEC-S. Recommendations: Eligibility for ENG 101 and Mat 122.

### **Textbook**

Foundations of Microeconomics, Robin Bade and Michael Parkin, Addison Wesley, Boston, Mass, 2006 edition.

### **Attendance Policy**

1. Each student is expected to attend all class sessions. More than **three** absences may result in a lower grade. Three tardy will count as 1 absence.
2. Class will begin promptly at 10:00 AM.
3. Students should complete the weekly assignments before class and attend class prepared with questions and answers.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Define basic terms and concepts such as supply, demand, marginal analysis, and economic systems
2. Work with graphs to express relationships among economic variables
3. Recognize the effects of various economic forces on the behavior of consumers, producers and elected public officials
4. Developing microeconomic theories and models for explaining and predicting the consequences of certain economic choices and events

### **Grading Policy**

All student final grades will be determined according to the following distribution:

90% Average of exam scores  
10% Attendance

Final grades will be reported as follows: A (90 -100%), B (89 - 80%), C (79 - 70%), D (69 - 60%), F (below 60%). Students may obtain their final grade by clicking Online Student Services at [www.gc.maricopa.edu](http://www.gc.maricopa.edu) or telephone: 480.731.8255

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

The class will be conducted according to the policies set out in the *GCC Student Handbook*.

### Extra Credit (Optional)

It is possible to add a **maximum of 15 points** to total test points before averaging by undertaking a one 3-5-page report on a microeconomic topic, using 3 cited references. **The 3 references must be cited in the body of the paper.**

### Make-up Tests

A make-up exam is available for emergencies. Students may take **one** make-up exam during the semester at the Testing Center. Students have **one week** after the day of the exam to complete the make-up exam. No make-up exam will be available for the final exam.

### Disability Statement

If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, you need to notify the Disability Services and Resources Office, located in TDS 100 (623-845-3080).

### Taping Policy

Students have permission to audio tape class lectures for preparing for exams. No other taping or use is permitted without the written permission of the instructor.

**Weekly Assignments (tentative):** Course content may vary from this outline to meet the needs of this particular group.

	M	W	
Jan	21		Introduction and Chapter 1
	26	- 28	Chapter 2
Feb	2	- 4	Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 (Demand and Supply Analysis)
	9	- 11	Chapter 4 and Chapter 7, <b>Exam 1</b>
	16	- 18	<b>Monday, Presidents Day Recess</b> , Chapter 5 (Elasticity)
	23	- 25	Chapter 5
Mar	2	- 4	Chapter 5
	9	- 11	Chapters 6 (Marginal Analysis) and 11 (Marginal Utility)
	16	- 18	<b>Mar 16 – 22, Spring Break Recess</b>
	23	- 25	Chapter 12 (Production, Cost, and the Theory of the Firm)
	30	- Apr 1	Chapter 12
Apr	6	- 8	<b>Exam 2</b> , Chapter 13 (Market Structure)
	13	- 15	Chapter 14
	20	- 22	Chapters 15 and 16
	27	- 29	Chapters 17 and 18, <b>Extra Credit Due</b>
May	4	- 6	Chapters 9, 19 and 21
	11		<b>Final Exam, 7:00-8:50 a</b> , No make-up exam available for the final exam.