ECON 1101
Microeconomics 1
Semester 2, 2014

The course examines how individuals and firms make decisions by weighing up costs and benefits, and how the interaction of their decisions leads to market and social outcomes. The model of market supply and demand is employed to examine the effects of taxes, subsidies, and other government interventions in market activity. The implications of different market structures, including perfect competition and monopoly, are examined. Public goods, externalities and common resources are key examples of cases in which private markets may yield socially sub-optimal outcomes. Such cases are examined and the role of government policy in correcting for these is discussed.

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Communication
All questions linked to the course material should be directed to your tutor during consultation/Help Desk time. A Microeconomics Help Desk will be available to students (see below). Any other enquiries should be directed to the course email: ECON1101@gmail.com. Please note, due to the volume of students, emails may take up to five days to be answered.

All administrative questions (e.g. tutorial allocations, lodging medical certificates for missed assessment) should be directed to the Course Administrator (Terry Embling). Terry Embling asks that students generally contact him via email.

Announcements
Students are expected to check the Wattle site for announcements about this course, e.g. changes to timetables or notifications of cancellations. Notifications of emergency cancellations of lectures or tutorials will be posted on the door of the relevant room.

Help Desk – Consultation Hours
A Microeconomics Help Desk will be open with hours TBA. Tutors will be at the Help Desk to answer any questions about the contents of the course that you have not been able to resolve through your own study and participation in your tutorial group.

Course URLs
More information about this course may be found on:
- Study @ ANU;
- the College of Business and Economics website; and
- Wattle, the University's online learning environment: you can log on to Wattle using your student number and your ISIS password.

Workload
Students taking this course are expected to commit at least 10 hours a week to completing the work.
This will include: [complete as appropriate]
- Lectures (3 hours per week)
- Tutorials (1 hour per week)
- private study (6 hours per week)
COURSE OVERVIEW

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the requirements for this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the principles that underpin modern economics
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the way budget constrained individuals make optimising choices and the way resources are allocated in private markets
3. Assess the likely impact of different market structures on the prices and quantities traded in these markets
4. Evaluate the effects of government interventions and other exogenous changes in markets using economic principles
5. Present clearly written analysis of economic issues and problems

Proposed Assessment (Summary): Assessment for this course will be confirmed after the first lecture of the semester. If there are any changes to the assessment, those changes will be publicised on Wattle.

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<td>1. Tutorial Assessment</td>
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<td>2. Midsemester Exam</td>
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<td>3. Final Exam</td>
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Feedback

Staff Feedback
Students will be given feedback in the following forms in this course:

- Written comments on assessment
- Whole-of-class feedback on tutorial assignments and mid-semester exam.

Student Feedback
ANU is committed to the demonstration of educational excellence and regularly seeks feedback from students. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through Student Experience of Learning Support (SELS) surveys. The feedback given in these surveys is anonymous and provides the Colleges, University Education Committee and Academic Board with opportunities to recognise excellent teaching, and opportunities for improvement.

For more information on student surveys at ANU and reports on the feedback provided on ANU courses, go to:

http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/students/ and
http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/results/learning/
Policies
ANU has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University’s academic standards, and implement them. You can find the University’s education policies and an explanatory glossary at: http://policies.anu.edu.au/

Students are expected to have read the Code of Practice for Student Academic Integrity before the commencement of their course.

Other key policies include:
- Academic Progress
- Assessment of Student Learning
- Assessment Review and Appeals
- Course Assessment: Consultation and Finalisation
- Student Feedback on Teaching and Learning
- Insert College policies on extensions, late submissions, etc as appropriate

COURSE SCHEDULE (note this is guideline only and subject to change given time constraints)

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<th>Week</th>
<th>Summary of Activities</th>
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| 1    | What is Economics (Chapter 1 GKM)  
      | Thinking like an Economist (Chapter 2 GKM) |
| 2    | Gains from Trade (Chapter 3 GKM) |
| 3    | Supply and Demand (Chapter 4 GKM)  
      | Elasticity (Chapter 5 GKM) |
| 4    | Supply, Demand and Government Policy (Chapter 6 GKM) |
| 5    | Consumers, Producers and the efficiency of markets (Chapter 7 GKM) |
| 6    | Application: Costs of taxation (Chapter 8 GKM)  
      | Application: International Trade (Chapter 9 GKM) |
| 7    | Externalities (Chapter 10 GKM)  
      | Review for mid-semester |
| 8    | Public Goods (Chapter 11 GKM)  
      | Costs of Production (Chapter 13 GKM) |
| 9    | Firms in Competitive markets (Chapter 14 GKM)  
      | Monopoly (Chapter 15 GKM) |
| 10   | Monopolistic Competition (Chapter 18 GKM)  
      | Competition Policy (Chapter 17 GKM) |
| 11   | Factors of Production (Chapter 19 GKM)  
      | Earnings, unions and discrimination (Chapter 20 GKM) |
| 12   | Income inequality and poverty (Chapter 21 GKM) |
ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Tutorial Assignments
Every second week students will be required to hand in one allocated question from the tutorial questions set for that week. Each tutorial assignment is worth 2% of the final grade. Further details will be given in the first lecture.

Examination(s)
Both a mid-semester (worth 30% of the final grade) and a final examination (worth 60% of the final grade) will be run at dates and times to be announced. Both exams are compulsory and non-redeemable. Details will be announced on Wattle, but students can also view their final examination timetable at: http://timetable.anu.edu.au/exams/

Texts and Other Reading
Prescribed Texts:
A limited number of copies will be available through short-term loan in the Chifley Library.

Other Reading:
Students may find the following texts useful:
Frank, Jennings and Bernanke (2012), Principles of Microeconomics (3rd edition), McGraw-Hill Australia.
A limited number of copies will be available through short-term loan in the Chifley Library.

Course-related Matters
Co-teaching
For students enrolled in ECON7073, the course mark will be calculated as above for 85% of the total, with an additional 15% coming from the special additional essay that these students are set. See the ECON1101 page on Wattle for details of these additional requirements and additional tutorials.

Tutorial and/or Seminar signup
Enrolment in tutorials will be completed online using the CBE Electronic Teaching Assistant (ETA). To enrol, follow these instructions:
1. Go to http://eta.fec.anu.edu.au
2. You will see the Student Login page. To log into the system, enter your University ID (your student number) and password (your ISIS password) in the appropriate fields and hit the Login button.
3. Read any news items or announcements.
4. Select "Sign Up!" from the left-hand navigation bar.
5. Select your courses from the list. To select multiple courses, hold down the control key. On PCs, this is the Ctrl key; on Macs, it is the ⌘ key. Hold this key down while selecting courses with the mouse. Once courses are selected, hit the SUBMIT button.
6. A confirmation of class enrolments will be displayed. In addition, an email confirmation of class enrolments will be sent to your student account.
7. For security purposes, please ensure that you click the LOGOUT link on the confirmation page, or close the browser window when you have finished your selections.
8. If you experience any difficulties, please contact the School Office (see page 1 for contact details).