



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2020**

**EC1010 A2 Introduction to Microeconomics – 3(3-0-0) UT 45 Hours for 15 Weeks**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** TBA

**FALL 2020 DELIVERY:**

Remote Delivery. This course is delivered remotely. There are no face-to-face or onsite requirements. Students must have a computer with a webcam and reliable internet connection. Technological support is available through [helpdesk@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:helpdesk@gprc.ab.ca).

GPRC uses the *Zoom* audiovisual conference system for remote delivery. To participate in Zoom meetings, click on the meeting links that your instructor has set up within your *D2L* course space.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Students will examine how markets and governments determine which products are produced and how income is distributed in the Canadian economy. Topics include supply and demand, costs, perfect and imperfect competition.

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:**

None

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Sayre, J., & Morris, A. (2018). *Principles of Microeconomics, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.  
<https://www.mheducation.ca/highereducation/products/9781259457388/connect+with+smartbook+online+access+for+principles+of+microeconomics/>

This textbook includes *Connect with Smartbook Online Access*. McGraw-Hill *Connect* is a web-based assignment and assessment platform that gives students the means to better connect with their coursework, and with the important concepts that they will need to know for success now and in the future. All students must have access to *Connect* for online assignments and quizzes. You must have an access code in order to gain access to the online resources.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course introduces students to the basic concepts and techniques of microeconomic analysis. Attention will be paid to the theory of supply and demand, concepts of elasticity and utility, efficiency implications in competitive and non-competitive markets, government intervention, and management of external benefits. Whenever possible, emphasis will be given to Canadian problems.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to apply microeconomic tools to the analysis of economic issues such as the minimum wage, welfare program, governmental subsidies and taxes. In addition, students should be able to understand the economic theory and terminology used to describe the behavior of individual firms and consumers.

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

EC 1010 is transferable to the following Alberta Colleges and Universities:

- Athabasca University: ECON 247 (3)
- Bow Valley College: MGMT 1401 (3)
- Burman University: ECON 101 (3)
- Concordia University of Edmonton: ECO 101 (3)
- King's University, The: ECON 203 (3) or ECON 2xx (3)
- MacEwan University: ECON 101 (3)
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology: ECON 1010 (3) or ECON 250 (3)
- University of Alberta: ECON 101 (3) or AUECO 101 (3)
- University of Calgary: ECON 201 (3)
- University of Lethbridge: ECON 1010 (3)

\* **Warning:** Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlineresearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>

\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

**EVALUATIONS:**

Assignments .....	10%
Quizzes .....	20%
Midterm exam ( <i>Wednesday, Oct 28</i> ) .....	30%
Final exam .....	40%

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

**COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Required Reading</u>
1	Course outline; D2L; Zoom; Connect	
2	Scarcity, Choice and Technology	Chapter 1
3	Demand and Supply: An Introduction	Chapter 2
4	Demand and Supply: An Elaboration	Chapter 3
5	Elasticity	Chapter 4
6	Consumer Theory of Demand	Chapter 5
7	<b><i>Fall Break No Class</i></b>	
8	The Firm and the Costs of Production	Chapter 6
9	<b><i>Midterm Exam (Wednesday, October 28)</i></b>	<b><i>Chapter 1-6</i></b>
10	Costs in the Long Run	Chapter 7
11	Perfect Competition	Chapter 8
12	Competitive Markets and Economic Efficiency	Chapter 9
13	Monopoly	Chapter 10
14	Imperfect Competition	Chapter 11
15	The Factors of Production	Chapter 12

\* Course schedule is approximate and may vary slightly at the discretion of the instructor.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Participation:** Regular attendance is critical to success in this course. Should a student be unable to attend a class, it is the student's responsibility to acquire the material missed and to complete the assigned readings, in-class work, and assigned homework.
- **Time Management:** Adopting and adhering to effective learning habits in this course will likely take up a great deal of time so plan your schedule accordingly. It is difficult to catch up once a student falls behind in readings and exercises.
- **Cell Phones:** The use of cell phones during class time is unprofessional and distracting to the instructor and fellow students. Texting during class is therefore prohibited. **Cell phones must be either turned off or set to silent mode during class.**
- **Recording: Photographing and/or recording course content is strictly prohibited** unless advance permission is obtained from the instructor. In the event permission is granted, such recordings may only be used for individual study, and may not reproduced, transferred, distributed or displayed in any public manner.
- **Email:** Email is the preferred option to communicate with your instructor. **Email correspondence to your instructor must be sent from your GPRC student email account.** Emails should be professionally formatted and include a subject, correct spelling and grammar, and a reference to course material and/or textbook pages, etc. Emails that do not adhere to this format may not be responded to.

## STUDY & WEB RESOURCES:

- Course materials (course outline, lecture notes, etc.) will be available on your *D2L* course space (<https://myclass.gprc.ab.ca/d2l/home>). Students are responsible for checking *D2L* regularly and downloading the lecture notes before each class.
- Assignments and quizzes will be available on *Connct*.

## ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES AND EXAMS:

Students are expected to finish all assignments and quizzes. Due dates of all assignments and quizzes are available on Connect. **Late assignments and quizzes are NOT accepted** and will result in a grade of zero unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. All exams will be written as scheduled. **No rewrite/rescheduled exams will be given.** If there is an excusable absence, the weighting of the missed exam will be added to the final exam weighting.

### Assignments

- There will 6 assignments throughout the semester. The best 5/6 will account for 10% of your final grade. Each assignment will be worth 2% of the student's final grade, regardless of the length of the assignment. The student will have a maximum of 2 attempts at each assignment.
- The assignments will be marked immediately, and the student will receive their grade immediately.
- All assignments must be completed before the expiration of the pre-set due date or the student will receive a mark of zero for any missed assignments.
- The assignments will be available to the student after the due date to use as a study tool for midterms and the final exam.

## Quizzes

- There will be 12 quizzes throughout the semester. The best 10/12 will account for 20% of your final grade.
- Each quiz consists uniformly of 20 multiple choice questions and is randomly generated from a test bank of variable size. No two students will necessarily write the same quiz.
- The quizzes will be marked immediately, and the students will receive their grade immediately. Corrections for the attempted quiz will be made available to the students after the due date.
- All quizzes must be completed before the expiration of the pre-set due date or the student will receive a mark of zero for any missed quizzes.
- Once you start the quiz, you must complete the entire quiz within the one-hour time limit. Logging off or losing the internet connection during the quiz will result in a grade based only on the proportion of the quiz that has been completed. It is imperative that the student has a reliable internet connection when attempting the quiz.
- The student will be given a maximum of two attempts at each chapter quiz.
- The quizzes will be available to the students after the due date to use as a study tool for midterm and the final exam.

## Exams

- **Midterm exam** will be written upon the completion of Chapter 6 and is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 28**. **Final exam** is cumulative and will be scheduled by the registrar's office during December exam period.

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

## Plagiarism

Plagiarism means submitting work (words, ideas, images, or data) in a course as if it were their own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Most commonly, plagiarism exists when:

- the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the student (this includes having another person impersonate the student or otherwise substitute the work of another for their own in an assignment, examination, or test)
- Parts of a student's work are taken from another source without reference to the original author. This includes ideas, words, and images appearing in print, digital, graphical, internet, audio and video formats

- students submit or present the work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with the student) without the prior agreement of the instructor
- Clinical or laboratory reports are falsified or fabricated.

While it is recognized that academic work often involves reference to ideas, data and conclusions of others, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted.

Instructors may choose to use online plagiarism detection services. When students submit a paper, it is understood that they are consenting to such a procedure and that they cannot claim any copyright violation should such paper be uploaded to an online plagiarism detection database.

### **Cheating**

Cheating on tests or examinations includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as **speaking to other students or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever**
- bringing into the examination room a textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner or instructor
- writing an examination, or part of it, outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so
- consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so
- leaving answer papers exposed to view, or any attempts to read other students' examination papers
- tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor
- Impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment.
- **Absolutely no examination materials may be removed from the examination room.** All papers, answer forms and examination question sheets must be returned to the instructor. If students leave the examination room for any reason unacceptable to the instructor, they must hand in all examination materials and it will be assumed that the examination is completed.

If students voluntarily and consciously aid another student in the commission of one of these offenses they are also guilty of misconduct. Any attempt to commit academic misconduct will bear the same consequences as if the act occurred. A student who assists another student in an act or attempted act of misconduct will also be considered to have committed an offense.