



Grande Prairie Regional College
School of Business
Department of Business Administration and Commerce
EC 2810: 3 (3-0-0) Introduction to Microeconomics
Course Outline

COURSE OUTLINE FALL 2008

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Delivery Mode: Lecture and assignments

Pre-Requisites: EC 1010 and MA 1130 or equivalent or consent of the instructor.

Required Texts: Intermediate Microeconomics And Its Applications,
Walter Nicholson, Thomson 10th Ed

Calendar
Description: The theory of consumer behavior; theory of production and cost,
price and output determination under competition, monopoly and
other market structures are presented.

Delivery Mode: Lecture and Blackboard

GRADE DETERMINATION:

Evaluation: 15% Students participate in a cartel or rent control debate.
 25% First Midterm
 25% Second Midterm
 35% Final Exam

Grades are first recorded as percentages. After the last exam, the weighted average of the percentages will be converted to the college four-point system according to the following table:

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage Range	Description
A+	4.0	90-100	Outstanding
A	4.0	85-89	<i>Excellent</i>
A-	3.7	80-84	
B+	3.3	76-79	
B	3.0	73-75	<i>Good</i>
B-	2.7	70-72	
C+	2.3	67-69	
C	2.0	64-66	<i>Satisfactory</i>
C-	1.7	60-63	
D+	1.3	55-59	
D	1.0	50-54	<i>Minimal Pass</i>
F	0.0	Below 50	Fail

Note: Students must achieve the full minimum percentage amount to be awarded the corresponding grade point value.

Transferability:

UA, UC, UL, AU, CUC, KUC, CUC

Block transfer post-diploma agreements have been made with the following institutions: Athabasca University (including GPRC on-campus AU 2+1 and 2+2 Bachelor of Management degree), University of Lethbridge, Lakeland College, Okanagan College, Thompson Rivers' University and Royal Roads University. Students intending to transfer to a post-secondary institution to take advantage of a transfer opportunity are advised to check with the appropriate college/institute for the latest transfer information as acceptance of transfer courses is at the discretion of the receiving college.

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	2.	The Mathematics of Optimization	1
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	4.	Individuals Demand	3
	5.	Market Demand and Elasticity	4
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	8.	Profit Maximization and Supply	9
	9.	Perfect Competition	10
	10.	Applying the Competitive Model, Rent Control	11
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	16.	Capital Markets and Compound Interest	16
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Due to time constraints and class interest not all of the above Topics may be covered in any one year.