Online ECON 302: Intermediate Microeconomics

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Catalog Description:
This is the core theory course in economics. The main topics covered are consumer theory and producer theory. We will develop models to understand the way consumers and firms make decisions and how they interact in the market.
Prerequisites: ECON 102 or equivalent. MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234 or equivalent.

Course Format:
This course will consist of video lectures, online homework assignments, optional practice problems and extra credit. The grade in the class will come from four exams which are administered through ProctorU and several online homework assignments which are administered through MyEconLab. Course Materials will be accessible through Moodle: https://learn.illinois.edu/auth/shibboleth/gateway.php

Student Commitment:
By registering for this online course, you commit to self-motivated study, participation in online course activities, and timely submission of all assignments. Furthermore, you commit to accessing the course website and checking e-mail daily, as well as to devoting at least 24-32 hrs./week to preparing for each module and completing the required assignments and readings.

Instructional Materials:

Required Materials:
Homework System: MyEconLab
Course ID: bbuckley68886
Course Title: Econ 302 (Online Winter 2017)- Buckley
Exam Monitoring System: ProctorU

More details about how to access MyEconLab are posted on the Moodle site for this course. You may also contact the publisher’s technical support staff at: http://www.pearsoncustom.com/_global/productinfo/websites/_24_7/ or 1 (800) 677-6337.
Please note that the MyEconLab website is maintained by Pearson (the textbook publisher), so the professor and teaching assistants in this course have no ability to solve any technical support issues that you may encounter. Questions of that sort must be directed to Pearson’s technical support staff using the contact information above.

Supplemental Materials:
TI-89 Graphing Calculator

Student Assessment:
Final grades, exam grades, and all homework assignment grades will be rounded to the nearest integer. There is no curve in this class.

**Grade Weights**
- Online Assessment
  - MyEconLab Homework (30%)
  - Extra Credit
- Exam 1 (15%)
- Exam 2 (15%)
- Exam 3 (15%)
- Final Exam (25%)

**Plus/Minus Grade Cutoffs**

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**Assessment Policies**

**Online Assessment:**
Online Assessment will consist of homework assignments administered through the MyEconLab program. Homework must be submitted by 11:00 PM Central Time on their due dates in order to be graded. No exceptions will be made for technological problems. Start homework with enough time before the deadline to accommodate potential issues. The lowest online homework grade will be dropped when calculating the average for MyEconLab portion of your grade.

**Extra Credit:**
MyEconLab offers feedback through a Study Plan System. Each section in each chapter we will use in the text is accompanied by a series of practice problems. On the Study Plan link within MyEconLab, you will be able to select “Quiz Me” for a series questions from that section. You may take these practice questions as many times as you like. If you score 80%, MyEconLab will give you 1 Mastery Point. At the end of the year, you will receive 0.05 points for each Mastery Point you successfully complete. You may retake a Quiz that you did not achieve a mastery point on after you have retaken the Practice Quiz.

**Exam Proctoring:**
- **ProctorU:** ProctorU is an online proctoring service that allows students to take exams online while ensuring the integrity of the exam for the institution. The service authenticates your identity and monitors both your computer screen and webcam to ensure academic integrity:
  - Fee based exam ($14.75 /1-hour exam, $21.50 /90-min. and 2-hour exam, $30.25 /3-hour exam) billed when you schedule the exam. Refunds are given only if the exam is canceled within 48 hours before the scheduled exam time.
  - All appointments should be made at least 3 days in advance, since reservations made within 72 hours of your exam are subject to a $5 late reservation fee.
  - Web cam, microphone, and computer with internet connection are required.
  - **ProctorU System Requirements and System Test:**
    http://ao.citl.illinois.edu/support/source/student_services/proctoru_tech.html
  - **How to Schedule Your Exam with ProctorU:**
    http://ao.citl.illinois.edu/support/source/student_services/proctoru_schedule.html

**Midterm Exam Policy:**
There are no make-ups for missed exams. If a student misses one of the first three exams, the weight from the missed exam will be redistributed to the final exam. Students cannot take an exam and then drop the exam. Receiving the exam on exam day means that you will receive a grade for that exam.

For each exam, you will be required to bring a Number 2 pencil, calculator, and your student ID Card. You will also be required to know your NET ID. If your exam is missing any required information, two points will be deducted from your score. No outside materials are permitted which includes, notes and textbooks. Cell phones are not permitted in the exam room. If we see your cell phone, you will be considered to be cheating.

All requests for grading corrections must be submitted before the following exam.

Final Exam Policy:
The Provost prohibits students from taking final exams before the final exam week. Students who take the exam with another section will receive a grade of “Absent from Exam” (ABS) grade which becomes a failure on student transcripts.

In the event that a student cannot take the final on the assigned date, undergraduate students must obtain the approval of the dean of their college to defer a final examination without receiving a grade of ABS. Undergraduate students who must miss a final examination should report this fact to the dean of their college as soon as possible. For satisfactory reasons, students may be "excused" by the dean of their college and be examined later by their instructor (http://www.las.illinois.edu/faculty/advising/incompletes/). The date of the deferred exam will be the first Friday of the Fall semester.

Students who miss their scheduled exam time will receive an ABS grade. Students in this situation may take the deferred final if and only if they have taken at least 2 of the 3 midterm exams. The ABS grade will be replaced by the grade earned with the deferred final.

Students who wish to transfer between sections of my Econ 302 class may do so until the date of the third exam. After that point, students cannot make transfers and must take the exam they are scheduled for.

Statement on Accommodations:
To obtain disability-related academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the course instructor and the Disability Resources Educational Services (DRES) as soon as possible. To contact DRES you may visit 1207 S. Oak Street, Champaign, call 333-4603 (V/TTY), or email a message to disability@uiuc.edu.

Academic Integrity:
“The University has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of education and research on our campus and to protect those who depend upon our integrity.

Expectations of Students:
It is the responsibility of each student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Students have been given notice of this Part by virtue of its publication. Regardless of whether a student has actually read this Part, a student is charged with knowledge of it. Ignorance is not a defense.”
Semester Schedule:

Pre-Class
• Read through the materials in the Syllabus.
• Register for MyEconLab.
• Complete the Icebreaker Activity: Introduce Yourself

Module 1 (Friday, December 22 to Wednesday 27)
• Lessons 01 to 02
• Text: CH 1.1-1.2, CH 2.1-2.5, and Appendix 700-707
• MyEconLab Homework: CH 1 and CH 2
• 1st Exam Window: Thu 12/22/16 12:15 AM CST - Fri 12/23/16 7:00 PM CST

Module 2 (Thursday, December 28 to Tuesday, January 2)
• Lessons 03 and 04
• Text: CH 3.1-3.3 and 3.5, 4.1-4.4,
• MyEconLab Homework: CH 4; CH 6; CH 7- Due July 7
• 2nd Exam Window: Fri 12/30/16 12:15 AM CST - Sat 12/31/16 7:00 PM CST

Module 3 (Wednesday, January 3 to Monday, January 8)
• Lessons 05 and 06
• Text: CH 6.1-6.4 and CH 7.1-7.4 and CH 8.1-8.8 and
• MyEconLab Homework: CH 6, CH 7 and CH 8
• 3rd Exam Window: Fri 01/06/17 12:15 AM CST - Sat 01/07/17 11:00 PM CST

Module 4 (Tuesday, January 9 to Friday, January 12)
• Lesson 07 and Lesson 08
• Text: CH 9.1-9.4 and 9.6, CH 10.1-10.7 and 11.1-11.4
• MyEconLab Homework: CH 9, CH 10, CH 11
• Final Exam Window: Fri 01/13/17 12:15 AM CST - Sat 01/14/17 11:00 PM CST