

Course Syllabus for Elementary Microeconomics (ECON201)

General:

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Text: *Principles of Microeconomics*. Mankiw, N. Gregory. 9th edition. Cengage Learning. 2021.

Supplemental Resource: www.mru.org

Content:

Topics include but are not limited to:

- What economics is and why it is important to study
- The necessity and benefits of trade
- The market forces of supply and demand
- The role governments play in helping or hindering markets
- How and why businesses conduct their business
- How and why workers act in response to business actions

Grading:

Grades for the course and assignments are assigned by the following percentages:

	100-93 — A	92-90 — A-
89-87 — B+	86-83 — B	82-80 — B-
79-77 — C+	76-73 — C	72-70 — C-
<70 — D*		

The final grade in the course will be determined by the following factors:

Homework:	10 %
Quizzes:	10 %
Papers:	15%
Midterm exams:	45% (15% each)
Final Exam:	20%

Assignments:

After every class period, there will be an assignment, whether it be a reading, watching a video, answering questions, or a combination of all three. There will also be four papers written throughout the semester. Their topics and due dates are as follows:

Analyze one of the statements on page 31; agree or disagree	Assigned: Jan 14	Due: Jan 28
Should the minimum wage be \$15/hr?	Assigned: Feb 7	Due: Feb 18
Should the U.S. impose tariffs on China?	Assigned: Feb 28	Due: Mar 18
Should the U.S. abolish the income tax for sales tax?	Assigned: Mar 28	Due: Apr 8

Each paper should be 2-3 pages (double spaced with normal font and size) with at least three sources cited.

Academic Integrity:

As a firm believer that grades should reflect learning, academic integrity is paramount to the academic experience. Please review the Academy's Academic Integrity policy as it will be strictly adhered to in my class.

Examples of behavior subject to review under the Academic Integrity policy include, but are not limited to:

- 1, Copying someone's work and turning it in as one's own
- 2, Use of aids and/or other materials on quizzes and exams without expressed permission.
- 3, Use of calculators when explicitly forbidden to do so.
- 4, Copying another person's work or answers on a quiz or exam.

I encourage you to work in groups when doing the homework assignments as much can be learned from your peers that you may not always pick up in class. However, each individual is required to turn in work in their own handwriting accompanied by the requisite work shown to receive full credit.

Technology:

We will be using a variety of online resources throughout the course. You will want to have internet access to review the videos and articles that will be used in the course. We will be utilizing Canvas from time to time for discussions to be conducted outside of class.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the hour. You are responsible to be on time for each class period. Failure to attend class will result in disciplinary action as set forth by Academy policy regarding absences and tardies. You will be considered absent if you arrive more than 10 minutes late. However, I recommend still coming to class, even if you will be marked absent in order to miss as little critical information as possible.

Unexcused Absence

It is the policy of the Indiana Academy that any absence from class is unexcused, except for illness, death in the family, college or school-related activities, and extenuating circumstances. When a student is absent from a class, the instructor reports the student absence to the Faculty Attendance Coordinator in the Office of Academic Affairs. Unless the absence is excused by a school official, it is considered unexcused. The decision as to whether an absence is excused is not determined by the instructor.

Any unsubmitted assignment that is due on the day of an unexcused absence is subject to receiving a grade of "0" with no possibility of changing the grade. The only exception is an exam, which will still be recorded as a "0" but may be replaced with a higher percentage attained on the final exam minus ten percent.

Late Work/ Make-up policy:

It is my policy not to accept late work/ allow make-up work unless there is an excused absence the day an assignment was due. If you can't be in class the day an assignment is due, please bring it by my office. If you miss a quiz or exam due to an excused absence, it is up to you to schedule a time with me (office hours or other) during which you can take the exam or quiz. You must contact me within a week of the missed assignment and complete the assignment within two weeks of missing it.

Diversity Statement:

Ball State University aspires to be a university that attracts and retains a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community are welcome, through valuing the various experiences and worldviews represented at Ball State and among those we serve. We promote a culture of respect and civil discourse as expressed in our Beneficence Pledge and through university resources found at <http://cms.bsu.edu/campuslife/multiculturalcenter>.

Mask Policy:

The Indiana Academy will follow [Ball State University's mask policy](#). Effective July 1, 2020, all people on campus—including faculty, staff, students, vendors, contractors, suppliers, and visitors—should wear face masks (covering nose and mouth) while inside campus buildings. Face masks are specifically required in the following situations:

- i. When in the presence of others (indoors or outdoors) and physical distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in hallways, elevators, stairs, public spaces, and common areas;
- ii. When in a classroom or laboratory;
- iii. When using campus transportation (such as a shuttle bus);
- iv. When multiple individuals are in a University vehicle.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to bring their own mask. Masks will be provided to anyone who is unable to bring a mask or their mask is damaged.

Non-compliance

If a student declines to wear a face mask as required, the student will be referred to the Director of Academic Affairs or the Director of Residential Affairs. If the situation occurs in a classroom or other academic setting, it is considered a classroom management issue, and the teacher will remind the student of the requirement and give the student a chance to comply with it prior to referring the matter to the Director of Academic Affairs or the Director of Residential Affairs. Wearing masks is crucial to preventing the spread of COVID-19 to others.

Schedule

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
3-Jan	Syllabus	Chapter 1	Chapter 1
10-Jan	Chapter 2	Chapter 2	Activity-Q
17-Jan	MLK Day	Chapter 3	Chapter 3
24-Jan	Chapter 4	Chapter 4	Activity - Q
31-Jan	Chapter 5	Chapter 5	Chapter 6
7-Feb	Extended	Chapter 6	Activity-Q
14-Feb	Review	Exam 1	Chapter 7
21-Feb	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Activity-Q
28-Feb	Chapter 9	Chapter 9	Chapter 10
14-Mar	Chapter 10	Chapter 11	Activity-Q
21-Mar	Chapter 12	Review	Exam 2
28-Mar	Chapter 13	Chapter 13	Chapter 14
4-Apr	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Activity-Q
11-Apr	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Extended
18-Apr	Extended	Chapter 18	Chapter 18
25-Apr	Activity-Q	Review	Exam 3

2-May Topical Discuss. Review for Final Review for Final