

# Intermediate Microeconomics - Econ 301

## Syllabus

**Class Schedule:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00PM -5:15PM

**Class Venue:** Bolton B40

**Instructor:** Amid Ardakani

**Office location:** Bolton, 8th Floor, Economics Department, Room #827

**Office hours:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5:15pm to 6:15pm or by appointment

**Email:** [amid@uwm.edu](mailto:amid@uwm.edu)

## 1 Readings and Course Materials:

The course material consists of the textbook:

***Robert Pindyck and Daniel Rubinfeld: Microeconomics, 8th edition.***

Sample questions, quizzes, exams, and grades can be found on D2L.

## 2 Grading

*Final grades for this course will be a combination of the following:*

Midterm 1 (February 27th, 2017)

Midterm 2 (April 10th, 2017)

Final Exam (May 17th, 2017, 3:00PM - 5:00PM)

Assignments: 20%

*Your best exam will count for 40% of your final grade, with the remaining two exams each counting for 20%. These, in combination with your assignments, give you your final grade.*

## 3 Make Up Exam

There will be make up exams for people who miss the exams on the day they are meant to be taken, provided they have a very good excuse as to why it was missed, proof of the excuse will be extremely helpful, but I understand that some excuses might be valid and have no proof, so whatever the reason is bring it forward and I will decide.

*P.S.: If you are going to lie, make it a bloody good one.*

## 4 University Policies

- For information on the university's policies for religious observances, incompletes, grade appeal procedures, final examination policy, students called to military service, discriminatory conduct, and complaint procedures, please access the following link:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/SyllabusLinks.pdf>

I've never been there myself but I hear its a good read.

- This University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources (Not really relevant for this course, but I figured why not just tell you anyway), and for the respect of others' academic endeavors. Student academic misconduct information can be found at:  
[http://www4.uwm.edu/acad\\_aff/policy/academicmisconduct.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/acad_aff/policy/academicmisconduct.cfm)  
 But let me save you the trouble of a long read... DON'T DO IT!!!!
- If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements.

## 5 Tentative Course Outline <sup>1</sup> (with the corresponding textbook locations)

### Section 1

Preliminaries (Chapter 1) Basics of demand and supply (chapter 2)  
 Consumer Behavior (chapter 3)  
 Individual and Market Demand (Chapter 4)

### Section 2

Production (Chapter 6)  
 Cost of production (Chapter 7)  
 Profit Maximization and competitive supply (Chapter 8)  
 The analysis of competitive markets (chapter 9)  
 Monopoly (chapter 10)  
 Price discrimination (chapter 11)

### Section 3

Monopolistic competition and Oligopoly (Chapter 12)  
 Game theory and competitive strategy (Chapter 13)  
 Externalities and public goods (Chapter 18)

It is students responsibility to be informed of any changes made during the lectures about the syllabus or exams

---

<sup>1</sup>Lecture schedule might be adjusted according to our process.