



EC 211

Intermediate Microeconomics, Section 1

Tues & Thurs, 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

CCE, Room 209

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Course Description: This course examines issues related to microeconomics. Microeconomics is the study of how firms and households interact with each other in the marketplace. As such, we will study consumer preferences, utility functions, consumer maximization, game theory, market structures, indifference curves, isoquants, and market failures. The purpose of this course is to expand on topics studied in Principles of Microeconomics. While many of the concepts should be familiar to students already, students will be asked to examine these ideas with a more formal and mathematical treatment.

Prerequisites: EC 111

Note: Much of the class will utilize graphical analysis, calculus, and algebra in order to address current issues.

Text: *Intermediate Microeconomics and Its Application*, 12th Edition

Authors: Walter Nicholson and Christopher Snyder **ISBN-13:** 978-1-133-18902-2

Grade Distribution:

Class Participation	10%
Quiz 1	5%
Quiz 2	5%
Assignment 1	10%
Midterm Exam 1	25%
Quiz 3	5%
Quiz 4	5%
Assignment 2	10%
Midterm Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%

Letter Grade Distribution:

≥ 93.00	A	73.00 - 76.99	C
90.00 - 92.99	A-	70.00 - 72.99	C-
87.00 - 89.99	B+	67.00 - 69.99	D+
83.00 - 86.99	B	63.00 - 66.99	D
80.00 - 82.99	B-	60.00 - 62.99	D-
77.00 - 79.99	C+	≤ 59.99	F

Student Responsibilities & Resources:

• General

- Computers and other electronics are not to be used in class.
- Exams are closed book, closed notes.
- A comprehensive final examination will be held (Tuesday, May 7th at 1:00pm, location TBA).
- **No incompletes, no extensions, no grade changes.**
- All Quinnipiac University rules apply.

• Grades

- Attendance and class participation are required. In order to be successful in this course, consistent attendance is required. Furthermore, lectures will be interactive. I will call on students; however, the majority of class participation will be on a volunteer basis. If you have to miss class, it is the student's responsibility to learn the missed material.
- Missing or being late to class more than four times in a semester will result in a 50% drop in the class participation grade.
- Failure to attend class during an exam will result in a zero for that exam.
- Quizzes will be given online via Blackboard. Student's may not work together on quizzes.
- Students may work with one other person for homework assignments and turn in one copy for both students.
- Unless working with one other student for homework, all work submitted by students must be their own. Quinnipiac University's policy on academic honesty will be strongly enforced.
- Homework and quizzes will be assigned one week before their due date.
- Only the highest two exams will be used to calculate each student's final grade.

• Resources for Success

- The homework assignments and quizzes will act as a review for each midterm. Exams will resemble the content presented in class and in the assignments. Focus not only on the answer. Understanding how to get to a solution is key.
- It is important to stay on top of the information. Cramming before exams will not lead to full comprehension of the material. Review your notes weekly.
- I welcome all students to attend office hours. Please attempt problems before asking questions on them so that I can better assist you.

- The Learning Commons provides additional academic support, including tutoring, for students.

- **General Wellness**

- The college experience provides an opportunity for not only academic learning, but personal growth. However, this time can be accompanied with stress. If you are having difficulties in any course or in your personal life in general, please seek help from myself or another faculty member. I also encourage you to utilize the free and anonymous services of the Quinnipiac University Health and Wellness Center.

- **Students with Disabilities**

- Students needing extra time on exams, quizzes or other special accommodations should contact the Learning Commons immediately. Once you provide a letter from them to me, I can accommodate your needs for quizzes and tests or any other needs you have.

- **Academic Integrity**

- Please see the direct link on our Blackboard Course site for detailed information about QU policies. Any violation of the policies may result in failure of the course or even suspension, so it is important you understand the policies well. Also, it is important to note that once an Academic Misconduct charge is filed, you may not withdraw from the class.

Assignment Due Dates:

Assignment	Due Date
Quiz 1	2/12
Quiz 2	2/21
Homework Assignment 1	2/28
Quiz 3	3/28
Quiz 4	4/11
Homework Assignment 2	4/23

- All homework assignments are due at the start class on their Due Date. Quizzes are due by 11:59pm on their Due Date.

Tentative Course Outline:

The weekly coverage might change as it depends on the progress of the class. However, you must keep up with the reading assignments.

Day	Content
1/22-1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and Economic Models• Reading assignment: Chapters 1
1/29-1/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math Boot Camp• Reading assignment: Chapter 1: Appendix
2/5-2/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility and Choice• Reading assignment: Chapter 2
2/12-2/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demand Curve• Reading assignment: Chapter 3
2/19-2/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demand Curve (continued)• Uncertainty• Reading assignment: Chapter 4
2/26-2/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Game Theory• Reading assignment: Chapter 5
3/5-3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review• MIDTERM 1: 3/7
3/12-3/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Break• Reading assignment: None
3/19-3/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production• Reading assignment: Chapter 6
3/26-3/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs• Reading assignment: Chapter 7
4/2-4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profit Maximization and Supply• Reading assignment: Chapter 8
4/9-4/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perfect Competition in a Single Market• Reading assignment: Chapter 9
4/16-4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monopoly• Reading assignment: Chapter 11
4/23-4/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imperfect Competition• Reading assignment: Chapter 12• Review
4/30-5/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MIDTERM 2: 4/30
5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FINAL EXAM: 5/7 at 1:00 PM