

Faculty of Science Course Syllabus**Department of Economics***ECON 1101- Section 01**Principles of Microeconomics**Winter 2021***Instructor(s):** *Mrittika Shamsuddin**Email: Mrittika.Shamsuddin@dal.ca**Office location: B22, 6214 University Ave**Office Hour: Will be available in Brightspace every Monday from 9:30-10:30am and Tuesday from 3 to 4 pm through Collaborate Ultra. Links will be posted on the announcement board in Brightspace. You can also use the chat function or make appointment with me by email to meet virtually through Collaborate Ultra.***Lectures:** *Distance Learning. The course will be available on Dalhousie's Brightspace. It is an online, asynchronous class and access to computer and high-speed internet is essential.*

Course Description

How do you decide whether to go to university? Why does the price of pizza change so much less than the price of oil? What will better help prevent climate change: a carbon tax, or a cap-and-trade system? Microeconomic analysis, which considers the behaviour of individuals and businesses, can answer questions like these.

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- consider trade-offs and opportunity cost in making choices.
- discuss how models are useful in analyzing the economy.
- analyze how demand and supply work together to determine equilibrium in a market.
- calculate the responsiveness of demand and supply to prices and income.
- measure the efficiency of a market and show how government interventions affect efficiency.
- describe how consumers choose goods and services to maximize their well-being.
- determine how a firm's production function affects its costs.
- display a competitive firm's optimal output level given its cost structure.
- identify how a monopolistic firm chooses its output level and price.
- analyze the output and pricing decisions of imperfectly-competitive firms.

Course Materials

Required Textbook: Microeconomics, Sixth Canadian Edition, C. T.S. Ragan. Toronto: Pearson, 2020. MyEconLab (MEL) Online Access (Pearson, 2020).

Note: Registration with MyEconlab is required. Assignments will be on MyEconlab.

Through the Dalhousie bookstore (<https://bookstore.dal.ca/>), you may purchase MyLab with the e-text or MyLab without the e-text. After you purchase a code in the bookstore, you need to go to <https://bookstore.dal.ca/textbooks/redeem-access-codes> to redeem your bookstore code for a

Pearson code. Click on MyEconLab within our ECON 1101 Brightspace site to create a Pearson account and log in to MyEconLab. Details are posted in Brightspace.

Course website: Brightspace. Lecture slides, additional readings/videos, grades, and announcements will all be posted on Brightspace.

Course Assessment

Component	Weight (% of final grade)	Date
Assignments	5*3=15%	Every Monday -5pm starts the week of Jan 18 (except 8 th Mar)
Quizzes	3*10=30%	29 th Feb, 12 th Feb, 19 th Mar, 1 st Apr
Midterm	25%	5 th Mar
Final	30%	Scheduled by Register

Assignments: 10 assignments on MyEconlab. Each assignment has 10 questions, and you will have 2 hours. You will have one week and 2 trials to complete them. No late submission will be accepted. **Best 5** performances will be taken while calculating grade.

Quizzes: 4 Quizzes on Brightspace. You will have 20 mins to answer 20 Multiple Choices and one trial. It will become available at 8 am on the dates listed above and will be available till 5 pm. **Best 3** performances will be taken while calculating grade.

Midterm Exam: Midterm exam will be on Brightspace on 5th March and it will cover Ch 1 to 6. It will open at 8 am on the day and will remain active till 11:59 pm. Once you start you will have 2 hours to finish and it will have 50 Multiple-choice questions. The problems will be very similar to the ones in HWs and quizzes. If you miss the midterm, the weight will be transferred to the final exam.

Final Exam: The final exam is comprehensive and mandatory. Details will be provided soon.

Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Common Grade Scale

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D	(50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F	(<50)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)		

Course Policies

Missed assignments: Considering that you have one week to complete each of the assignments, and that your lowest five assignment marks will be dropped, any missed or late assignment submissions will not be accepted.

Missed quizzes: Considering that you have 9 hours to complete each of the quizzes, and that your lowest quiz marks will be dropped, any missed or late submissions will not be accepted.

Midterm exam: If you miss the midterm, the weight will be transferred to the final exam.

TA office Hour: Every week you will have 2 one-hour long virtual TA office hours in Collaborate Brightspace. If you have any long question or want to see how to solve a problem, I recommend you to seek help there first. The TA hours are posted in Brightspace.

Email policy: I will do our best to respond to email within 24 hours on a weekday, 48 hours on a weekend, according to the following policy:

- 1. Will only respond to emails posing questions that can be answered in a sentence or two. For detailed questions, please visit my or the TA's office hour*
- 2. Will not reply to emails that request information that can be found on Brightspace, the syllabus, or in lectures, so you should check those places first.*

Tentative Course Content and Outline

Week	Starting Date	Content	Assignment	Quiz
1	11-Jan	Chapter 1: Economic Issues and Concepts		
2	18-Jan	Chapter 2: Economic Theories, Data and Graphs	Assignment 1 - Due: Monday, 5pm	
3	25-Jan	Chapter 3: Demand, Supply and price	Assignment 2 - Due: Monday, 5 pm	Quiz 1 - Due: Friday, 5 pm - Content: Ch 1 & 2
4	01-Feb	Chapter 4: Elasticity	Assignment 3 - Due: Monday, 5pm	
5	08-Feb	Chapter 5: Price Control and Market Efficiency	Assignment 4- Due: Monday, 5pm	Quiz 2 - Due: Friday, 5 pm - Content: Ch 3 & 4
6	22-Feb	Chapter 6: Consumer Behaviour	Assignment 5- Due: Monday, 5pm	
7	01-Mar		Assignment 6 - Due: Monday, 5 pm	Midterm - Due by 5th March 11:59 pm (Opens at 8 am), Contents: Ch 1-6
8	08-Mar	Chapter 7: Producers in the Short-Run		
9	15-Mar	Chapter 8: Producers in the Long-Run	Assignment 7 - Due: Monday, 5pm	Quiz 3 - Due: Friday, 5 pm - Content: Ch 7 & 8
10	22-Mar	Chapter 9: Competitive Markets	Assignment 8 - Due: Monday, 5 pm	
11	29-Mar	Chapter 10: Monopoly, Cartels and Price Discrimination	Assignment 9 - Due: Monday, 5pm	Quiz 4 - Due: Thursday, 5 pm - Content: Ch 9 & 10
12	05-Apr	Chapter 11: Imperfect Competition and Strategic Behavior	Assignment 10 - Due: Monday, 5pm	
				Final Exam - Set by Registrar's Office, Contents - Ch 1-11

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University Policies and Statements

This course is governed by the academic rules and regulations set forth in the University Calendar and by Senate

Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all of our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility and respect (The Center for Academic Integrity, Duke University, 1999). As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all of the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity.

Information: https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html

Accessibility

The Advising and Access Services Centre is Dalhousie's centre of expertise for student accessibility and accommodation. The advising team works with students who request accommodation as a result of a disability, religious obligation, or any barrier related to any other characteristic protected under Human Rights legislation (Canada and Nova Scotia).

Information: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/accessibility.html

Student Code of Conduct

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal manner—perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution.

Code: https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html

Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness

Statement: <http://www.dal.ca/cultureofrespect.html>

Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel and support. Visit or e-mail the Indigenous Student Centre (1321 Edward St) (elders@dal.ca).

Information: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html

Important Dates in the Academic Year (including add/drop dates)

https://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html

University Grading Practices

https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices-policy.html

Missed or Late Academic Requirements due to Student Absence (policy)

https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/missed-or-late-academic-requirements-due-to-student-absence.html

Student Resources and Support

Advising

General Advising https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html

Science Program Advisors: <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/current-students/academic-advising.html>

Indigenous Student Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html

Black Students Advising Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/black-student-advising.html

International Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre/current-students.html

Academic supports

Library: <https://libraries.dal.ca/>

Writing Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html

Studying for Success: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html

Copyright Office: <https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office.html>

Fair Dealing Guidelines <https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office/fair-dealing.html>

Other supports and services

Student Health & Wellness Centre: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/services-support/student-health-and-wellness.html

Student Advocacy: <https://dsu.ca/dsas>

Ombudsperson: https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html

Safety

Biosafety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/biosafety.html>

Chemical Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/chemical-safety.html>

Radiation Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety.html>

Scent-Free Program: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/occupational-safety/scent-free.html>