

Faculty of Science Course Syllabus (Section A) (revised April 2022)

Department of Economics
ECON 1101 – Section 1
Principle of Microeconomics
Winter 2023

Dalhousie University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all Treaty people.

We acknowledge the histories, contributions, and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people and communities who have been here for over 400 years.

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Office Hour: *W 14:00 – 15:00 pm and by appointments (Email me to schedule an appointment)*

Lectures: *MW 16:05-17:25 pm at ROWE 1020*

Tutorials: *In-person, 11 tutorials (Time & Place- TBA)*

Course delivery: *In-person*

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.

Course Prerequisites

None

Learning Objectives

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.
- demonstrate how firms choose the optimal number of workers to hire.
- depict and explain a country's level of income inequality.
- explain how market failure provides a justification for government intervention in the economy.

Course Materials

Required book: *Microeconomics: 17th Canadian Edition*, C.T.S. Ragan. Toronto: Pearson, 2023.

MyEconLab (MEL) Online Access (Pearson, 2022).

You are required to purchase MyEconLab in order to complete your assignments online. It is highly encouraged that you purchase the e-text as well. Through the Dalhousie bookstore, you may purchase an access code for the e-text with MyLab (\$96.86) or an access code for MyLab alone (\$49.96).

[https://bookstore.dal.ca/CourseSearch/?course\[\]=SUB,WINT23,ECON,ECON1101,01&](https://bookstore.dal.ca/CourseSearch/?course[]=SUB,WINT23,ECON,ECON1101,01&)

Course Brightspace page - Lecture slides and assignments can be accessed through Brightspace

Course Assessment

Assessment	Weight (% of final grade)	Date
Tutorial Participation (6/11)	10%	Every week (In tutorial)
Assignments (best 9/11)	15%	Every week (due Monday 11:59 p.m.)
Quizzes (best 4/6)	25%	Alternate Wednesday in class (One on Monday 27 th Feb)
Midterms	20%	March 1
Final Exam	30%	Scheduled by Registrar

Tutorial Participation – On every Monday, I will be posting tutorial problem set, which will contain some short answer and activity-based questions. The TA will go over the solutions in the tutorial sessions. The tutorial attendance *is not* required but **your submission of the tutorial problem set is required**. You can either submit it at the beginning of the next tutorial session or email it to the TA before the deadline. I will take the best 6 grades for your tutorial assignment.

To do this assignment, you may only use your lecture notes, textbook, calculator, pen/pencil but the work should be your own. Kindly do not use any outside resource.

Assignments – There will be 11 **MyEconLab** assignments and I will take the best 9 of your performances for grade calculations. You will have one week to complete each assignment and two attempts. It will have 10 questions and include a mix of multiple choice and fill-in-blanks. They will be due by 11:59 pm on 16th Jan, 23rd Jan, 30th Jan, 6th Feb, 13th Feb, 6th Mar, 13th Mar, 20th Mar, 27th Mar, 3rd Apr and 10th April.

To do this assignment, you may only use your lecture notes, textbook, calculator, pen/pencil, but the work should be your own. Kindly do not use any outside resource.

Quizzes - There will be 6 quizzes on Brightspace under lockdown browser **and it will be in class**. I will take the best 4 of your performances for grade calculations. It will have 10 MC questions and you will be given 20 minutes to finish. They will be all multiple-choice questions and is closed resource. You can only use a calculator, a piece of white paper and a pen/pencil. Note that you will need to bring a working laptop to class for the quizzes. They will be on 25th Jan, 8th Feb, 27th Feb, 15th Mar, 29th Mar and 5th Apr.

Midterm – The Midterm will **be on Mar 1 and in-class and in-paper**. It will be closed resource and you can only use a calculator, pen/pencil and a piece of white paper. It will have 30 multiple choice questions and 3 short answer questions. You will have 80 minutes to complete it once started. It will cover chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Final Exam – Final exam will be cumulative and is **mandatory**. The final exam will contain 30 multiple choice questions and 5 short-answer questions. You will have 2 hours to complete the final exam and it will

be in-person. The final exam will be scheduled by the Registrar’s Office during the final exam period. If you miss the final exam for any reason, you need to contact me within 24 hours and a retake exam will be scheduled within a week of the exam date.

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 on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

- Missed quizzes: Since I will be dropping the grade of one quiz, any excuse for missed quiz is not accepted.
- Missed tutorial/assignments: Considering that you have one week to complete each of the assignments and tutorial problems, and that your lowest five/two tutorial/ assignment marks will be dropped, any missed or late tutorial/assignment submissions will not be accepted.
- Missed Midterm: If you miss the midterm for some unavoidable circumstances, its weight will be given to the final exam.
- Note that the student declaration of absence form is not accepted.
- Missed Final exam: If you miss the final exam for some unavoidable circumstances, your midterm grade cannot be used, and you need to sit for the exam within a week of the final exam date.
- Videos: If class is cancelled for any reason, the material will be presented in videos that will be uploaded to Brightspace.
- Email will be answered within 24 hours on weekdays and 48 hours on weekends.

Course Policies related to Academic Integrity

- Students are expected to do their own work on assignments, quizzes, and midterms, without reference to colleagues or online sources.

Tentative Course Content

Week	Starting Date	Content	Assignment	Quiz
1	9 th Jan	Chapter 1: Economic Issues and Concepts		
2	16 th Jan	Chapter 3: Demand, Supply, and Price	Assignment 1 (Ch 1)– Monday, 11:59pm	
3	23 rd Jan	Chapter 4: Elasticity	Assignment 2 (Ch 3)– Monday, 11:59pm	Quiz 1 – Ch 1 & 3 Wednesday in class
4	30 th Jan	Chapter 5: Price Controls and Market Efficiency	Assignment 3 (Ch 4)–	



			Monday, 11:59 pm	
5	6 th Feb	Chapter 6: Consumer Behaviour	Assignment 4 (Ch 5)– Monday, 11:59 pm	Quiz 2 – Ch4 & 5 Wednesday in class
6	13 th Feb	Chapter 7: Producers in the Short Run	Assignment 5 (Ch 6)– Monday, 11:59 pm	
7	20 th Feb	Break		
8	27 th Feb	Midterm & Review – Ch 1-6		Quiz 3 – Ch 6, Monday in class Midterm – Wednesday in class
9	6 th Mar	Chapter 9: Competitive Markets	Assignment 6 (Ch 7)– Monday, 11:59 pm	
10	13 th Mar	Chapter 10: Monopoly, Cartels and Price Discrimination	Assignment 7 (Ch 9)– Monday, 11:59 pm	Quiz 4 – Ch 7& 9 Wednesday in class
11	20 th Mar	Chapter 11: Imperfect Competition and Strategic Behavior	Assignment 8 (Ch 10) – Monday, 11:59 pm	
12	27 th Mar	Chapter 13 & 14.3: Factor Market & Inequality	Assignment 9 (Ch 11)– Monday, 11:59 pm	Quiz 5 – Ch 10 & 11 Wednesday in class
13	3 rd April	Chapter 16 - Government	Assignment 10 (Ch 13, 14.3) – Monday, 11:59 pm	Qui 6 – Ch 13, 14.3 Wednesday in class
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ECON 1101- Principles of Microeconomics

Please ensure that the following information on [University Policies](#) is available to all students in your course. This document should be sent to students in your course along with your Course Syllabus, Section A, or may be copied into your [Course Syllabus \(Section A\)](#).

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://academiccalendar.dal.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=117&chapterid=-1&topicgroupid=31821&loaduserredits=False>

University Grading Practices

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

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Please ensure that the following information on Student Resources is available to all students in your course. This document should be made available to students on the course Brightspace page, or elements may be copied into your **Course Syllabus**.

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/undergrad-students/degree-planning.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.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>

Dalhousie COVID-19 information and updates: <https://www.dal.ca/covid-19-information-and-updates.html>