

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics
Fall 2016

Course # and Title: AP/ECON 1000 Section G; Introduction to Microeconomics

Course Webpage: pearsonmylabandmastering.com

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Lecture Time and Location

Lecture: Fridays 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, ACW 109
TA hours: TBA

Prerequisite / Co-requisite

There is no prerequisite for this course. For information regarding course credit exclusions, please contact the Undergraduate Economics Office (1099 Vari Hall) or the Undergraduate Advisor (1142 Vari Hall).

Course Description

This course introduces the nature of economic problems and the basic market mechanism. The theory of the consumer and the theory of the firm under different market structures will be studied and applied to assess basic policy issues. The objective of the course is to assist you in developing the tools to analyze and evaluate economic problems effectively.

Weighting of Course

<u>Component</u>	<u>Percent of overall grade</u>	<u>Material covered</u>	<u>Due date</u>
Test #1	20%	Ch. 2, 3, 5.2, 5.3, 6	October 21
Test #2	20%	Ch. 8, 9, 10.1, 11, 12	November 25
Quiz #1	10%	Ch. 2, 3	October 1
Quiz #2		Ch. 5.2, 5.3, 6	October 15
Quiz #3		Ch. 8, 9	November 5
Quiz #4		Ch. 10.1, 11, 12	November 19
Quiz #5		Ch. 13, 15.2	December 3
Quiz #6		Ch. 16, 17, 18.1, 18.2	December 6
Final Exam	50%		TBA

Quizzes: There are 6 online quizzes, worth in total 10% of the course grade. Only the best 5 quizzes count. If you miss a quiz, the other 5 quizzes count. There are no makeup quizzes. For every quiz you miss after one missed quiz, you receive zero for 2% of your course grade.

Tests: Test 1 is 1 hour and has 30 MC questions. Covers material in Quizzes 1-2. Test 2 is 1 hour long and has 30 MC questions. Covers material in Quizzes 3-4. The final exam is 2.5 hours long and will take place between December 7-22. It is comprised of 75 MC questions (30 common to all section, 45 chosen by instructor) and is comprehensive, covering all course material, with more emphasis on material in Quizzes 5-6.

NO calculators are required or allowed for all tests and exams.

Organization of the Course (Topics)

Sept 9	Graphs in Economics; The Economic Problem	Ch. 1 Appendix, 2
Sept 16	Demand and Supply; Elasticity	Ch. 3, 4
Sept 23	Efficiency and Equity; Government Actions in Markets	Ch. 5.2, 5.3, 6
Sept 30	Utility and Demand	Ch. 8
Oct 7	Possibilities, Preferences, and Choices; Organizing Production	Ch. 9, 10.1
Oct 14	Output and Costs; Review	Ch. 11
Oct 21	Test 1	
Oct 28	Reading day	
Nov 4	Perfect Competition; Monopoly	Ch. 12, 13
Nov 11	Oligopoly; Externalities	Ch. 15.2, 16
Nov 18	Public Goods and Common Resources; Review	Ch. 17
Nov 25	Test 2	
Dec 2	Markets for Factors of Production; Review	Ch. 18.1, 18.2

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

1) *MicroEconomics: Canada in the Global Environment*, 9th edition, by M. Parkin and R. Bade (Pearson, 2016)

2) *MyEconLab* (Pearson 2016). Required for graded online quizzes worth 10% of course grade and for course website.

- A bundled MicroEconomics Textbook/*MyEconLab* package is available at the York bookstore (ISBN 0134136446) for \$149.95.
- Pearson has also arranged Student Value Packages (unbound, loose leaf, three-hole punched texts with *MyEconLab*) for students who wish to opt for the complete package at a lower cost for (ISBN 0134275713) \$110.
- To save money, a digital only package containing E-text/*MyEconLab* is available for \$90 at the York bookstore (ISBN 0133893340) or online at www.MyEconLab.com.
- If you are taking both ECON 1010 and 1000, your cheapest option is a bundled Micro/Macro Textbooks/*MyEconLab* package in the York Bookstore (ISBN 0134066146) for \$199.95.
- There is a Student Value Package (unbound, loose leaf, three-hole punched text with *MyEconLab*) for students who wish to purchase the combined version at a lower cost for (ISBN 0134300572) for \$169.95.

Course ID for Registering for MyEconLab

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Grading

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

Online Quizzes Policy

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Exam Rules

No student will be allowed to write the exam prior to the scheduled date.

No student will be allowed to write the exam in order to improve the letter grade.

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community. In case, any of the exam dates clash with the day of your religious observance, you are responsible for contacting me **at least two weeks** in advance. To arrange for an alternative date, you must complete a Religious Accommodation Form (see Important Academic Forms section).

Cheating and plagiarism are considered to be serious offences by York University. Please visit the Academic Integrity website <http://www.yorku.ca/acadinte/students/index.htm> to read the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty.

Cell phones, electronic translators, iPods, MP3 players, and other electronic devices are not permitted into exams. **NO calculators are required or allowed for all tests and exams.** Other permissible items to carry in exams are pens, pencils, student ID, coats and purses.

Missed Tests

No permission is ever given to a student to write a test or exam in advance of its scheduled date.

A student who misses a Term Test will be allowed to write a make-up test only if the student provides a completed Registrar's Office Attending Physician's Statement showing a physical incapability of writing the test. Any other forms of doctor's note, especially one stating simply that "The student was seen in my office" are not acceptable. Students who miss a test and do not provide acceptable documentation receive a grade of zero. Students who miss either term test and provide acceptable documentation will write the Make-Up test which is held during class time, one week after Test 2 (November, 2016). **There is only one comprehensive Make-Up test each term, covering the material in both Tests 1 and Test 2.** You must be available at the (class) time to write the Make-Up Test. No other times will be scheduled. If you miss Test 1 and are granted permission to write the Make-Up Test, you must still write Test 2. If you miss Test 1, write the Make-Up test, and skip Test 2, you will receive a zero for Test 2. If you miss only Test 2 and are granted permission to write the Make-Up Test, the Make-Up Test will count only for Test 2.

The Make-Up Test is only for students who missed an original test. No student is ever allowed to write a Make-Up Test in order to improve a score from the original test.

Deferred Final Exam Policy

Students must fill out the Deferred Standing Agreement form (see Important Academic Forms section) and submit it along with all **original** supporting documentation to the Department of Economics located in 1144 Vari Hall **within in 10 business days of the original exam date.** Submitting the form does NOT guarantee permission to write the deferred exam. Only submissions that meet all requirements will be granted permission. Students whose submissions are not granted will receive a zero for their final exam score.

Deferred Standing for the final exam will be considered only under the following circumstances:

MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Exams missed due to medical circumstances must be supported by a York Attending Physicians Statement filled out completely by a medical doctor or licensed psychologist/counselor, dated within **48 hours of the final exam date.** The statement must include:

Full name, mailing address, telephone number of the physician.

The nature of the illness and its duration (i.e., specific dates covered)

An indication of whether the illness and/or medication prescribed would have **SERIOUSLY** affected the student's ability to study and perform over the period in question.

The physician's office may be contacted to verify that the statement was actually completed by the physician.

NON-MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Exams missed due to non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/bus ticket receipt for emergency travel (with the date of booking on the ticket), etc. Airline/train/bus ticket/receipts for emergency travel must indicate destination, departure, and return dates. Having to work at the time of the exam or non-emergency travel are not valid excuses for missing an exam.

Important Academic Forms

Religious Accommodation -

http://registrar.yorku.ca/sites/registrar/files/pdf/exam_accommodation.pdf

Deferred Standing - http://registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/deferred_standing_agreement.pdf

Attending Physician's Statement Form - <http://registrar.yorku.ca/pdf/attending-physicians-statement.pdf>

Important Dates

	Fall Term 2016 (F)	Winter Term 2017(W)
Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept. 21	Jan. 18
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Oct. 5	Feb. 1
Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov. 11	10-Mar
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below)	Nov. 12 - Dec. 5	March 11 - Apr. 5

Important Information for Students

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the [Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage](#).

York's Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures is located on the [York University Senate webpage](#). As per Senate Policy, academic honesty and integrity is defined as conduct that violates the ethical or legal standards of the University community or of one's program or specialization is subject to severe penalties. Students are responsible for understanding the nature and consequences of these offences, as contained in the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. More information on academic integrity for students can be found on the [York Academic Integrity Website](#).

Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants located using the [Senate Policy Research Involving Human Participants link](#)

Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities can be accessed using the [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities link](#).

Information on student conduct standards can be reviewed on the [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities webpage](#).

Students requiring religious accommodation should review the Religious Accommodations Guidelines using the [Religious Observance link](#).