

Course Syllabus

Course Information

Economics 540B
Microeconomic Theory II
Spring 2010
Faner 4135
TTh 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Instructor Information

Daniel Primont
primo@siu.edu, 453-5066
<http://mypage.siu.edu/primo/>
Office Hours, Faner 4145
TTh 9:30-11:15 a.m., 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Teaching Assistant: Sabri Yilmaz (sabri@siu.edu)

Office Hours: MW 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

This is the first of two doctoral-level courses in Microeconomics. The required textbook reading will be assigned from :

Microeconomic Analysis by Hal R. Varian. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Third Edition, 1992.

Grading: There will be two exams during the semester and a comprehensive final exam. The course grade is determined using the following weights.

	Date	Weight
Exam 1	Thursday, February 25	30%
Exam 2	Thursday, April 15	30%
Final Exam	Wednesday, May 12	40%
Total		<hr/> 100%

Emergency Procedures:

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on the BERT'S website at www.bert.siu.edu, Department of Public Safety's website www.dps.siu.edu (disaster drop down) and in the Emergency Response Guidelines pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.

Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency. The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

Week	Dates	Topic/Required Reading (Approximate)
1	Jan 19, 21	Technology, Varian, Ch. 1., pp. 1-22
2	Jan 26, 28	Profit Maximization, Varian, Ch. 2, pp. 23-38
3	Feb 2 Feb 4	Profit Function, Varian, Ch. 3, pp. 40-48 Cost Minimization, Varian, Ch. 4, pp. 49-61.
4	Feb 9 Feb 11	Cost Minimization, Varian, Ch. 4, pp. 61-63. Cost Function, Varian, Ch. 5, pp. 64-80 Comparative statics revisited
5	Feb 16 Feb 18	Duality, Varian, Ch. 6, pp. 81-93 Duality Continued
6	Feb 23 Feb 25	Study day Exam 1
7	Mar 2 Mar 4	Consumer Preferences, Varian, Ch. 7, pp. 94-97 Utility Maximization, Varian, Ch. 7, pp. 97-115
	Mar 9, 11	Spring Break
8	Mar 16, 18	Consumer Choice, Varian, Ch. 8, pp. 116-137
9	Mar 23, 25	Consumer Demand, Varian, Ch. 9, pp. 144-157
10	Mar 30, Apr 1	Consumers' Surplus, Varian, Ch. 10, pp. 160 - 171
11	Apr 6, 8	Uncertainty, Varian, Ch. 11, pp. 172-190
12	Apr 13 Apr 15	Uncertainty, Varian, Ch. 11, pp. 190-194 Exam 2
13	Apr 20, 22	Exchange, Varian, Ch. 17, pp. 313-337
14	Apr 27, 29	Production, Varian, Ch.18, 338-53
15	May 4, 6	Review/Catchup
Finals		Final Exam: Wednesday, May 12, 3:10 - 5:10 p.m..