

# Syllabus

## ECON200 G Introduction to Microeconomics

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-2:00pm via Zoom (see Canvas calendar for link)

Class Meetings: Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30am-12:20pm IN PERSON  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30am-12:20pm VIA ZOOM  
(see Canvas calendar for link)

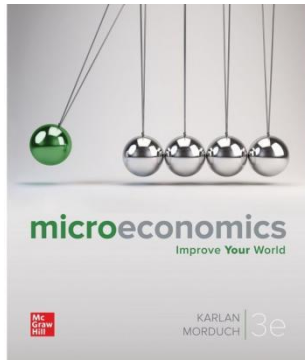
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### Learning Objectives

- \*To be able to understand and use microeconomics terminology to solve problems on homework assignments and exams and as they apply to current events.
  - \*To be able to understand and apply the idea that the highest valued alternative foregone is the opportunity cost of any decision.
  - \*To be able to understand and apply the idea that individuals and firms make themselves as well-off as possible in a world of scarcity.
  - \*To be able to apply the idea that prices inform decisions about which goods and services are produced in a market and how those goods and services are allocated.
  - \*To be able to understand and apply the idea that government policies and the organization of industries and market affect both production and allocation decisions.
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### Required Materials

The required textbook is Microeconomics, 3rd edition, by Karlan and Morduch. You are also required to purchase the associated access to the publisher's online homework site (MH Connect). I recommend you purchase the bundled ebook and website access via Canvas for the best price. A two week free trial is available for those who are unsure about continuing in the class.



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## Grading

Grades will be calculated based on the following:

- \*Midterm Exam (35%)
- \*Final Exam (35%)
- \*Homework (15%)
- \*Article Responses (15%)

Final grades will be curved as necessary to reach a median grade for the class between 2.9 and 3.1.

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## Important Dates

- \*Homework is due in MH Connect at **9:59 pm PST** every Monday night except the Monday after Midterm Exam.
  - \*Article Responses are due 10/13, 10/29, and 12/10 at 11:59 pm in Canvas. You may submit these up to one week late with a 5% per day grade penalty.
  - \*Exams are 11/03 and 12/15. You will be expected to take in-person exams and you will be able to find time and location of exams in Canvas Announcements. If this is not possible due to your time zone, please consider taking another class. Makeup exams are only given under extreme circumstances and you must notify me at least one day in advance if you need a makeup. I do not consider work schedules, travel plans, or time zone difficulties to be extreme circumstances. These are non-cumulative exams.
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## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is important to me. You are expected to complete your own work for every assignment and exam. Exams will be monitored in the best way that we know how, but it is still your responsibility to be aware of the rules and not consult

any outside resources during exams, including discussing the exam with anyone else while you are taking it. Suspected violations of this policy will be taken seriously and reported to the student conduct office. You will also receive a zero for the exam. Additionally, article responses will be submitted through a plagiarism checker in Canvas.

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## Class Rules and Additional Details

### Class Format and Weekly Schedule

In ECON 200, lectures will be offered in a “hybrid mode” at the regularly scheduled class time. Specifically, Wednesdays and Fridays will be offered IN PERSON while Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays will be offered VIA ZOOM. Lectures offered via Zoom will be recorded and recordings will be posted on Canvas. In-person lectures will NOT be recorded but annotated lecture slides will be available for viewing on Canvas. Office hours will be held remotely through Zoom. Assignments must be submitted remotely via Canvas. Exams will be given in-person. There will be two exams.

### Makeup Policies and Flexibility

Your lowest homework score will be dropped before your final grade is calculated. There is no other makeup policy for these assignments, so please use the dropped score sparingly. In other words, if you are sick, traveling, or simply forget, you will not be given an extension for your homework. Instead you will be expected to use your dropped score. If you have technical issues with Connect, please contact their tech support asap. Sometimes it takes time to resolve these issues, so please do not start the homework the night it is due.

Writing assignments can be submitted up to one week late, with a 5% per day grade penalty (i.e. a 7 day late assignment will receive 65% of the score it would have received if it had been turned in before the due date). You will be allowed to makeup exams with an approved excuse. Please contact me immediately to have your makeup exam scheduled. I reserve the right to drop your exam score if we are not able to schedule a makeup in a timely manner.

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## Accommodations

Students who have established services with Disability Resources for Students (DRS) should contact me about their accommodations as soon as possible. Students with disabilities who have not yet established services with DRS should contact them at [Disability Resources for Students \(washington.edu\)](http://DisabilityResourcesforStudents.washington.edu) to set up an Access Plan.

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for accommodation of

student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available at [Religious Accommodations Policy \(https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/\)](https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/) Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the [Religious Accommodations Request form](#).

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## UW Face Covering Policy

In order to ensure the health and safety of the University campus community and the public, face coverings are required to be worn at the University of Washington, regardless of vaccination status. Students are required to follow the University's COVID-19 Face Covering Policy at all times when on-site at the University, including any posted requirements in specific buildings or spaces.

If a student refuses to comply with the policy, the student can be sent home (on or off-campus residence). Student Conduct offices are available for consultations on potential violations of student conduct if needed. UW face covering policy is available at [UW Face Covering Policy](#).

(<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/face-covering-requirements>)

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## UW Eating and Drinking Guidance

Hydration is important and intermittently consuming water or other beverages in a shared workspace, public/common area, or classroom is allowed if you can: wash/sanitize your hands before and after touching your mask; lift or remove your face covering for only a brief moment while taking a drink; and immediately put your mask back after drinking.

Do not eat during indoor classroom sessions. Break times during longer meetings that allow eating/drinking elsewhere (i.e. designated eating areas, outdoors) can be offered as needed. UW eating and drinking guidance is available at

<http://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/eating-space-guidance.pdf>