

Professor Peter Coughlin

Lectures: Monday and Wednesday, 12:30pm - 1:45pm (online at ELMS)

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Course Website

<https://econweb.umd.edu/~coughlin/econ306>

Textbook

Required: Hal Varian & Marc Melitz, Intermediate Microeconomics, 10th Edition

(The Priddy Library has been asked to have this book available as part of their Course Reserves)

Prerequisites

ECON 200 (Principles of Microeconomics) or AREC 250 (Elements of Agricultural and Resource Economics)

ECON 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics)

MATH 120 (Elementary Calculus I), MATH 136 (Calculus for Life Sciences) or MATH 140 (Calculus I)

Overview

The purpose of ECON 306 is to provide an intermediate-level treatment of microeconomics. The material will, accordingly, build on ideas that are covered in the Principles courses. ECON 306 will include material about consumer behavior, producer behavior and market structures. It will also include microeconomic analyses policies designed to improve market outcomes.,

The specific parts of the textbook that will be covered will be announced as we go through the semester.

Exams

The exams will be based on all material covered in lectures and reading assignments (including reading assignments not covered in lectures). Each exam question will be either a multiple-choice or a true-false question. Every student is required to take the exams.

Disability Support Services (DSS)

The Macklin Center for Leadership & Communication at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG)

1) serves as the DSS office at USG and

2) acts as a liaison between the DSS office at the University of Maryland and students at USG.

If a student with a documented physical or learning disability requires special accommodation for an exam, appropriate accommodations can be arranged. The deadline for making such arrangements for a particular exam is one week before the exam. More specifically, at least one week before the exam, the student must provide (1) a written request (e.g., an e-mail message) and (2) documentation from the DSS office at the University of Maryland.

Rules for Makeup Exams

A student will be eligible to take a makeup exam only if the student (1) misses the original exam because of one of the legitimate causes listed in the undergraduate catalog and (2) within one week of the missed exam furnishes documentary support for the assertion that the absence resulted from one of these causes.

If a student misses an exam and the subsequent Make-up Exam (and can document that both absences resulted from legitimate reasons), the weight that would have been given to that exam will be added to the weight used for that student's Final Exam.

Grading

The course grades will be determined at the end of the semester. Your grade will be based solely on the number of points that you get. The available points are as follows.

1st Exam: 100 Points

2nd Exam: 100 Points

Final Exam: 100 Points

TOTAL: 300 Points

Let x be the percentage of the available points that you get. Your course grade will be assigned as follows.

A+: $97\% \leq 100\%$

A: $94\% \leq x < 97\%$

A-: $90\% \leq x < 94\%$

B+: $87\% \leq x < 90\%$

B: $84\% \leq x < 87\%$

B-: $80\% \leq x < 84\%$

C+: $77\% \leq x < 80\%$

C: $74\% \leq x < 77\%$

C-: $70\% \leq x < 74\%$

D+: $67\% \leq x < 70\%$

D: $64\% \leq x < 67\%$

D-: $60\% \leq x < 64\%$

F: $x < 60\%$

In this grading procedure, a student's course grade depends solely on the number of available points he or she gets. So there will no opportunities to earn "extra credit".

Other

In the event of inclement weather or other emergency conditions, you should follow delays and closures for the Universities at Shady Grove, rather than delays and closures for UMD.

The Universities at Shady Grove campus alert system allows the University to contact you during an emergency by sending text messages

Closures and delay texts and emails will also be posted on the USG website. You may also call USG at 301-738-6000 for recorded updates related to closures or delays.

If a class has to be cancelled on a day when the Universities at Shady Grove is open, the cancellation will be announced on ELMS.

Information about any rescheduled exams will be announced on ELMS.

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<http://ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>. Topics addressed include academic integrity, student and instructor conduct, accessibility and accommodations, attendance and excused absences, grades and appeals, copyright and intellectual property. Every student is expected to understand and uphold these policies which elaborate your rights and responsibilities; ignorance of the policies is not an acceptable excuse. Students will also find on this page information about valuable resources to support academic success in this course, as well as overall health and well-being.