

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
ECO 305 - INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS

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Text *Microeconomics and Behavior*, Robert Frank, 9th edition. (You may substitute with the 8th edition, which will be **a lot cheaper**. But please do not buy editions older than the 8th.)

Course Goal and Description This course is a course in microeconomic theory. It is a tools course—heavy on the theory and intuition of microeconomic analysis. The overall goal of this course is to advance your knowledge of economic theory and its applications. In this course we will build on the work you have done in your principles of microeconomics course. We will go into much more analytical and graphical detail on many of the topics that were introduced to you in principles. We will study markets and how they work. We will study market structure and its impact on consumers and producers. Applications of the theory to practical problems will be emphasized.

Grading:

1. No final or midterm. This will avoid concentrating a large number of points on one day (reducing risk, stress, and uncertainty).
2. 60% assignments (less stressful). If you do a honest effort on the assignment you will get full credit (in other words, if you work hard all quarter you should have 60% of your final score guaranteed)
3. 40% quizzes (multiple small quizzes instead of a final, each covering perhaps a chapter or two). they will be open book and with generous time limits.

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Course Outline and Reading Schedule: This is a tentative outline. I will announce any changes to this schedule in class. You are responsible for keeping note of any changes to this schedule.

Weeks 1-2: chapters 1-3

Weeks 3-4: Chapters 4-5

Weeks 5-6: chapters 9-10

Weeks 7-8: Chapters 10-12

Weeks 9-10: chapters 12-13