

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: Principles of Microeconomics
CLASS SECTION: Econ 103-04
TERM: Winter 2025
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): In person

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Narine Grigoryan
EMAIL: D2L e-mail (my tools->class list->Narine Grigoryan)
OFFICE: CBA 238
HOURS: T/Th 10:30am-11:30am and by Appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students are introduced to the principles of microeconomic analysis. They will learn how markets function and how changes in consumer preferences, production technology, and resource availability affect the prices and quantities of goods.

PREREQUISITES: C in English 12 or Camosun alternative (see Calendar)
One of: C in Math 11; C in Math 077; C+ in Math 072; C+ in Math 075

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

1. Explain fundamental concepts applicable to economic problems.
2. Analyze and calculate the impact of market conditions and/or government policies on market equilibrium.
3. Calculate and interpret elasticity as a measure of the responsiveness of demand or supply to changes in income, the product's own price, and price of other products.
4. Apply consumer theory to determine optimal quantity of goods purchased
5. Calculate various cost measures; and identify the relationship between them.
6. Explain how efficiency is impacted by different market structures and how markets reach equilibrium.
7. Explain and analyze the role of comparative advantage in international trade and explain effects of different trade policies.
8. Apply microeconomic reasoning to explain current events.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Text: Required

Ragan, C. and Lipsey, R.G. (2023), *Microeconomics*, 17th Canadian Edition, Toronto, Canada, Pearson

You can choose a printed (new or used) book, or an e-book through the Pearson web site.

MyEconLab: Required

An access code can be purchased through Pearson website or the bookstore.

Registration instructions, including a course code, are available on the D2L site for this course.

MyEconLab contains the Quizzes for this course as well as online study materials and e-book.

Companion website: <http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/>

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	CHAPTER	DUE DATES (Quiz due dates will be announced in class and on D2L)
1	Course Introduction Review of Economics Concepts	1	
2	Economic Data and Graphs	2	
3	Demand, Supply and Equilibrium	3	
4	Elasticity	4 (omit 4.3)	
5	Wrap-up for Midterm 1		Midterm 1 on February 6
6	Government Price Control and Market Efficiency	5	
7	Reading Break		No Classes
8	Consumer Behaviour	6 (omit 6.2 and appendix)	
9	Producers in the Short-Run Producers in the Long Run	7 & 8(omit appendix)	
10	Wrap-up for Midterm 2		Midterm 2 on March 13
11	Perfect Competition	9	
12	Monopoly	10	
13	Imperfect Competition and Game Theory	11	
14	Wrap-up for Final Exam		Final exam date TBA
<i>Self Study for Bonus</i>	<i>Discussions about Economic Efficiency, Market Failures, Pollution and Environmental Protection</i>	<i>Select Topics from 12, 16 & 17</i>	
April 14-25	Final exam period		

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines scan be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Quizzes	20%
Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final exam	30%
If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see	TOTAL 100%

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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Quizzes:

Throughout the semester you will take several quizzes on MyEconLab platform. Before you attempt a quiz, I strongly encourage you to review the questions from the respective chapters in the Study Plan and Dynamic Study Modules in MyEconLab.

The quiz due dates will be determined in class depending on topic coverage. The deadline and chapters for each quiz will be announced on D2L after posting the quiz on MyEconLab. You will be given about a week to complete each quiz.

The lowest two quiz marks will be dropped and the rest will determine your total quiz grade. You will have 3 attempts and the best one will be used for your grade. Each quiz is “open book” and you have unlimited time to complete it before the due date. You can review your quiz results at any time after the due date.

There will be no-make-ups for missed quizzes. If you miss a quiz, it will count as one of your dropped quizzes.

Exams:

The midterm exam dates are given in the course schedule above. The final exam will be scheduled by Student Services and will take place during the final exam period. The exams are NOT cumulative. Students will be allowed to bring 2 pages (1 sheet) of hand-written notes to use during in-class exams. Higher percentage of final exam reflects the rigour and complexity of content. Review guidelines, practice questions and other details for each exam will be posted on D2L.

Deadlines: You must submit your assignments on the due date or as announced. A grade of zero will be assigned to late submissions. There are no additional assignments or make-up exams of any kind if you performed poorly on an assignment, midterm or final exam.

1. a) EXAM DATES WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED. Non-attendance on scheduled exam dates results in a zero grade. Exceptions will be made only for medical reasons or extenuating circumstances that must be submitted and then accepted by the instructor. Please advise your instructor promptly.
2. b) Students registered through the [Centre for Accessible Learning \(CAL\)](#) should discuss timelines with their instructors at the beginning of each semester.
3. c) Medical notes must be dated, signed, and be written on letterhead or prescription paper imprinted with the physician's name and address. Notes are accepted from Physician (GP or medical specialist), Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Counsellor and Aboriginal Elder. Electronic notes will not be accepted. Medical documentation must be received as soon as reasonably possible.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

This course is offered through the department of Economics, Quantitative Methods, and UT Business. Please reach out to your academic advisor, or our Program Leader Keith Yacucha at yacuchak@camosun.ca for information about our programs and how to make effective course choices that will support your future.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres

Support Service	Website
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e., physical, depression, learning, etc.). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started: <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.