

Fall 2005
Room 106 AH

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Economics 2304
Microeconomic Principles

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- Tutors:** Grad and advanced undergrad econ majors are available to help you in the Economics Undergraduate Center, Room 208D (M). Hours posted outside 208.
- Grading:** 32% Assignments (weekly assignments will be handed out every Thursday in the Aplia website and will be due the following Thursday before 5:00 p.m.). There will be a total of 8 assignments, since I will **not** hand out assignments the first week of class, the week before and during midterms or during your Thanksgiving holiday.
- 32% Midterms. There will be 2 midterms. The first midterm will be on Thursday, October 6th and the second midterm will be on Thursday, November 3rd. The second midterm will **not** be cumulative, but rather will cover the material between the two midterms.
- 36% Final Exam (Students must have their ID card for admission to the exam). The room number for the final exam will be announced towards the end of the semester. The final exam **will** be cumulative.
- Aplia Website:** During this course you will be required to access a new economics website (the cost for its use is \$60). To access the website, you need to register for an account with Aplia at <http://econ.aplia.com>. Attached is an instruction sheet that describes how to complete the registration process. You will need a “course key” in order to register. On the website you will find the assignments which will be graded, as well as tutorials and practice problem sets that will not be graded.
- Course Policies:** No late assignments accepted. The exam is covered by the Honesty code of UH (see Student Handbook).

Text:

N. Gregory Mankiw, Principles of Microeconomics (soft cover) 3rd edition or Principles of Economics (hard cover) 3rd edition.

Syllabus

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
August 23	Ten Principles of Economics	1 & 2
August 30	Interdependence and Gains from Trade	3
September 6	Market Forces of Supply and Demand	4
September 13	Elasticity and its Applications	5
September 20	Supply, Demand and Gov't Policies	6
September 27	Consumers and Producers/ Efficiency of Markets	7 & 8
October 4	Efficiency of Markets: Applications	9
October 11	Externalities	10
October 18	Public Goods and Common Resources	11
October 25	Design of the Tax System/ Costs of Production	12 & 13
November 1	Firms in Competitive Markets	14
November 8	Monopoly/Oligopoly	15 & 16
November 15	Monopolistic Competition/ Markets for Factors	17 & 18
November 22	Markets for Factors/ Earnings and Discrimination	18 & 19
November 29	Income Inequality and Poverty/ Review	20



Your course key is: **U7R8-GLU5-HSVS**

Course Fee: \$60.00 USD.

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First Time Aplia Users:

1. Connect to <http://econ.aplia.com>.
2. Complete the Configuration Test. You **must have JavaScript and Flash 6 or later** to use the site. If you don't, the configuration test will tell you and instructions will follow.
3. Return to the Sign In page and click "Register here."
4. You will be prompted to enter your e-mail address and select a password.
5. You will then be asked to enter your course key (above).
6. You only need to register once. After the registration process is complete, you will not need to enter the course key again.
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