

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 1B, Principles of Economics: Microeconomics, Section 05, Fall
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Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00pm – 1:15pm
Campus Classroom:	DMH 166
Prerequisites:	None

Class Resources

All course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found through the Canvas Learning Management System website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

Course Description

Allocation of resources and distribution of income as affected by the workings of the price system and by government policies. This course satisfies Section D “Social Sciences”.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students have concrete foundation to pursue intermediate study in microeconomic theory related to three broad areas: Incentives, Opportunity Cost, and Supply and Demand. Specific learning objectives include:

1. Incentives Matter (law of demand; law of supply; rational decision makers weight marginal costs versus marginal benefits; the power of self-interest)
2. Opportunity Costs (sunk costs; production possibilities; the free-lunch fallacy; tradeoffs in consumption and production; gains from interpersonal & international trade; comparative advantage)
3. Supply and Demand (understanding the S&D model as a representation of individual choices in exchange based on individual preferences, knowledge and circumstances; ability to examine current events using S&D tools; movement versus shift; welfare analysis)

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

University Policy S12-7, <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain the instructor's permission to record the course. "Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording them. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material." In addition, "Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course, such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent."

Required Texts/Readings

[CT] Cowen, Tyler and Alex Tabarrok. *Modern Principles: Microeconomics*. 6th edition. ISBN 9781319482978 and Macmillan Learning Achieve Platform

Course Requirements and Assignments

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica.

Key Semester Dates

First Day of Class – August 22

Last Day to Drop Classes – September 17

Exam #1 – September 19

Exam #2 – October 17

Exam #3 – November 14

Last Day of Class – December 5

Final Exam – December 17, 9:45am-12pm

Macmillan Achieve Platform, Textbook, and Other Readings

Students must sign up for the Macmillan Achieve platform for this course. This platform includes the e-textbook and hosts the homework and exams for this course. Students are expected to read the assigned material for that week before the first day of class for that week. For example, students should have read Cowen & Tabarrok Chapters 1-2 before class on August 27.

Participation

As part of this class, students will participate in at least four economics games in class. Games will be announced in class and count towards the participation component of the grade. Students will also receive credit for participating in exam reviews and other class activities.

Achieve Assignments

Homework is available under "Assignments" and graded on Macmillan Achieve. Assignments are due on Friday each week. The first assignments are due **August 30**. Students must complete all assignments in the Macmillan Achieve platform.

Weekly Reflections

As part of the Area D “Social Sciences” requirement, students must complete a writing assignment of 1,500 words over the course of the semester. In order to satisfy this requirement, students will complete weekly reflections on that week’s textbook readings. For example, students should write their reflection on Cowen & Tabarrok Chapters 1-2 before class on August 27. Reflections must be at least 150 words. Students will submit reflections in Canvas before class on Tuesday each week. **Late work will not be accepted.** Writing reflections on other topics, including other chapters from previous weeks, will also not be accepted. All students must also complete or retake the SJSU Plagiarism Tutorial & Quiz at <https://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism> by the second week of the semester.

Exams

There will be four exams in this course, including the final exam. Students will take exams in the Macmillan Achieve platform. If a student must miss an exam, this should be discussed with me at least one week ahead of time. In the event of an emergency, students should email me immediately and provide documentation ASAP. Please note that if a student misses an exam and I have not accepted a student’s excuse, a grade of “0” will be given.

Grading Information

Determination of Grades

This course must be passed with a C or better as an SJSU graduation requirement. These weights are fixed - improvement in other categories will not raise your grades elsewhere. The final grade in the course will be based on the following weights:

Category	Weight
Participation	5%
Achieve Assignments	35%
Weekly Reflections	10%
First Exam	10%
Second Exam	10%
Third Exam	10%
Final Exam	20%

Grading Scale

A+: 97 to 100 A: 94 to 96 A-: 90 to 93
B+: 87 to 89 B: 84 to 86 B-: 80 to 83
C+: 77 to 79 C: 74 to 76 C-: 70 to 73
D: 60 to 69
F: <60

Classroom Protocol

Office Hours

The best way to contact me is by email at darwynn.deyo@sjsu.edu. My office hours are on Zoom, Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00pm, by appointment. Students should email me ahead of time to confirm an appointment during office hours. The Zoom link is: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/84667700448>

Academic Honesty

The Department of Economics takes academic honesty very seriously and follows the policies posted online at <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf>. It is the responsibility of all students to read and understand what constitutes a violation of academic honesty. Claims of ignorance cannot be used to justify dishonest behaviors. Any student caught engaging in activities that violate the University academic honesty policy will receive zero credit for the course instrument(s) that violates the academic honesty policy, and up to a semester grade of “F” for this course. Students are not permitted to use unapproved aids to complete their work for them. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, ChatGPT, Grammarly, predictive Google text, Microsoft Copilot, and other AI writing aids. You should check with the professor regarding whether an aid is approved. This policy does not apply to aids covered through the Accessible Education Center (AEC). Faculty are required to report cheating, plagiarism and all instances of academic misconduct (including self-plagiarism) to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development and to the Chair of the Department of Economics who tracks violations. All students must also complete or retake the SJSU Plagiarism Tutorial & Quiz at <https://libguides.sjsu.edu/plagiarism> by the second week of the semester.

Disability Notice

Please contact me as soon as possible if you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability. Presidential Directive 97-03 at https://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Accessible Education Center at <https://www.sjsu.edu/aec/> to establish a record of their disability.

Religious Accommodations

Please contact me as soon as possible if you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a religious holiday. University Policy S14-7 at <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-7.pdf> requires that students requesting accommodations must inform me in writing, about such holidays before the add deadline at the start of each semester. If such holidays occur before the add deadline, the student must notify me, in writing, at least three days before the date that they will be absent.

Other Class Policies

1. Students and the professor will show respect for others at all times and will refer to people using the names and personal pronouns that they share.
2. Students must use their SJSU email to communicate with me regarding course material and messages related to this class. I will make an effort to reply to course-related emails within two business days. I will not open email attachments from non-SJSU emails.
3. Students must submit all work through Canvas. All final written work is automatically submitted to Turnitin.
4. You may request a grade check from me during class with at least two business days’ notice. I cannot send grades over email due to federal U.S. FERPA law.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/> Make sure to review these policies and resources.

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Course Schedule

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Week	Class Dates	Topics	Readings, Assignments, and Deadlines
1	Aug 22	Introduction	Course and Syllabus Review
2	Aug 27 - 29	The Big Ideas & Comparative Advantage	C&T 1-2
3	Sep 3 - 5	Supply & Demand	C&T 3-4
4	Sep 10 - 12	Elasticity	C&T 5
5	Sep 17 - 19	Exam #1	Exam Review (Sep 17); Exam #1 (Sep 19)
6	Sep 24 - 26	Taxes, Subsidies, and Tariffs	C&T 6-7; 9
7	Oct 1 - 3	Price Controls & Externalities	C&T 8; 10
8	Oct 8 - 10	Public Goods & Tragedies	C&T 19; No Class (Oct 10)
9	Oct 15 - 17	Exam #2	Exam Review (Oct 15); Exam #2 (Oct 17)
10	Oct 22 - 24	Costs and Competition	C&T 11-12
11	Oct 29 - 31	Monopolies and Price Discrimination	C&T 13-14
12	Nov 5 - 7	Common Market Structures	C&T 15-17
13	Nov 12 - 14	Exam #3	Exam Review (Nov 12); Exam #3 (Nov 14)
14	Nov 19 - 21	Strategic Behavior	C&T 22-23; No Class (Nov 21)
15	Nov 26 - 28	Political Economy	C&T 20; THANKSGIVING (Nov 28)
16	Dec 3 - 5	Political Economy (cont'd)	C&T 21; Exam Review (Dec 5)
Final Exam	Dec 17, 9:45am-12:00pm		Final Exam