

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 1B, Principles of Economics: Microeconomics, Section 06, Spring
2024

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 – 5:45pm
Campus Classroom:	DMH 166
Prerequisites:	None

Class Resources

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on the Canvas Learning Management System course login 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 him/her. 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." "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

Cowen, Tyler and Alex Tabarrok. *Modern Principles: Microeconomics*. 6th edition. ISBN 9781319420369 (physical book) or ISBN 9781319482923 (e-book)
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 – January 25
Last Day to Drop Classes – February 19
Exam #1 (Micro) – February 22
Exam #2 (Macro) – March 21
Exam #3 (Fields) Due – April 25
Last Day of Class – May 9
Final Exam – May 20, 2:45-5:00pm

Macmillan Achieve Platform, Textbook, and Other Readings

Students need to sign up for the Macmillan Achieve platform for this course. This platform hosts the homework, quizzes, and exams for this course. It also includes the e-book version of the textbook. Students should read the assigned material for that week before the first day of class for that week.

Achieve Assignments

Homework is graded under "Assignments" on Macmillan Achieve. The first assignments are due **February 1**. Students will 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. Students will submit reflections in Canvas before class on Tuesday

each week. Reflections must be at least 150 words. 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 except as stated otherwise. Late work will not be accepted. The final grade in the course will be based on the following weights:

Category	Weight
Achieve Assignments	20%
Weekly Reflections	10%
First Exam	10%
Second Exam	15%
Third Exam	20%
Final Exam	25%

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, or 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	Jan 25	Introduction	Course and Syllabus Review
2	Jan 30 - Feb 1	The Big Ideas & Comparative Advantage	C&T 1-2
3	Feb 6 - 8	Supply & Demand	C&T 3-4
4	Feb 13 - 15	Elasticity	C&T 5
5	Feb 20 - 22	Exam #1	Exam Review (Feb 20); Exam #1 (Feb 22)
6	Feb 27 - 29	Taxes, Subsidies, and Tariffs	C&T 6-7; 9
7	Mar 5 - 7	Price Controls & Externalities	C&T 8; 10
8	Mar 12 - 14	Public Goods & Tragedies	C&T 19; NO CLASS (Mar 14)
9	Mar 19 - 21	Exam #2	Exam Review (Mar 19); Exam #2 (Mar 21)
10	Mar 26 - 28	Costs and Competition	C&T 11-12
	<i>Spring Break (April 1 – 5)</i>		
12	Apr 9 - 11	Monopolies and Price Discrimination	C&T 13-14
13	Apr 16 - 18	Common Market Structures	C&T 15-17
14	Apr 23 – 25	Exam #3	Exam Review (Apr 23); Exam #3 (Apr 25)
15	Apr 30 - May 2	Strategic Behavior	C&T 23-24
16	May 7 - 9	Political Economy	C&T 20-21
Final Exam	May 20, 2:45-5:00pm		Final Exam