

San José State University
Department of Economics
ECON 1B: Principles of Microeconomics
Section 5, Fall 2019

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Prerequisites: May be taken concurrently or prior to Econ 1A.

GE/SJSU Studies Category: Area D1: Social Science, Human Behavior

Course Description

Microeconomics evaluates the decisions made at the individual and firm level. Over the semester we will examine a range of topics including: the impact of price controls, monopolistic markets, and the role incentives can play in generating efficient and/or equitable outcomes. We will evaluate why and how the government can intervene in the market process. We will have class wide discussions that engage economic tools and theories to better understand current economic policy measures. I encourage you to come to class with your own ideas for topics we will discuss through the lens of economic tools. My goal is that we all leave the class with an ability to analyze and draw conclusions regarding the relative merits of competing economic policy proposals.

*Note: This class is a four-unit class. Students should plan to spend twelve hours per week throughout the semester. These hours include reading, preparing for class, attending class, participating in course activities and completing online and in-class assignments.

Course Goals and Course Learning Objectives (CLO)

there are no opportunities for makeups. I will periodically allow notes to be used for quizzes, but not your book or any electronic devices including laptops, phones, and tablets. Please come to class prepared to participate in small group and larger class discussions. I reserve the right to call on you in class at my discretion.

Your final grade will be based on the following categories and weights:

Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Final Exam	25%
Written Assignment	15% %

A simple calculator **only** will be allowed for exams and quizzes. Students may not use cell phones as a calculator.

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 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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The schedule is subject to change with fair notice in class and/or through Canvas.

Course Schedule

Week	Date		Topics, Readings and Due Dates
1	THUR	8/22	Introductions and Course Overview
2	T2		

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8	TUE	10/8	CT Ch. 11 Costs and Profit Maximization Discuss Paper Assignment
	THUR		

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