

**San José State University**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Econ 1B, Principles of Economics: Microeconomics, Section 65, Spring 2019**

**Course and Contact Information**

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## Required Texts/Readings

### Textbook

Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok, *Modern Principles: Microeconomics* 2nd ed. (New York: Worth, 2011). ISBN-13: 978-1429239998. ISBN-10: 1429239999.

This book is easily available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and its very inexpensive. Make sure that you are buying the second edition of the Micro text, and not the third edition, which is a lot more expensive. (New and used copies of the second edition are available for sale on the Internet.)

You also need to buy access to an online course offered by **Sapling Learning**. And you can buy access to Sapling plus the eText. The cost is \$36 (and access to **two** Sapling courses is \$54). I'll inform you when the course is activated, which will be very soon.

Be advised that there is no buy-back of the e-book (or the loose-leaf edition) at the end of the semester.

### Other Readings

Other reading material will be posted on class website on Canvas.

### Other technology requirements / equipment / material

As mentioned above, you need to buy access to an online course offered by **Sapling Learning**. You also need to familiarize yourself with **Canvas** as all communications will be done through this portal.

### Library Liaison

Christa Bailey, [christa.bailey@sjsu.edu](mailto:christa.bailey@sjsu.edu)

### Course Requirements and Assignments

As this class is a four unit class, successful students should expect to spend about 180 hours (normally twelve hours per week or three hours per unit per week) throughout the semester, including reading, preparing for class, attending class, participating in course activities, and so on. *More details can be found from [University Syllabus Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>.*

The course consists of two midterms, one final exam, weekly online quizzes (Sapling) and a term paper. The midterms and final exam cover material presented both in class and in the textbook. Online quizzes reinforce the key course concepts. Further details on the term paper will be provided later in the semester.

Students should attend all class meetings, not only because they are responsible for the discussed material, but also because active participation frequently ensures maximum benefit for all classmates. Attendance per se, though, shall not be used as a criterion for grading. Participation, however, is.

If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what transpired in it. Ask fellow students, review their notes, and re-read the textbook to learn what was covered. If I have covered the answer to a question in class, I will refer you to class materials for you to find the answer.

## Grading Information

Converting number grades to letter grades:

95-100 A+	90-94 A	85-89 A-	80-84 B+	75-79 B	70-74 B-	
65-69 C+	60-64 C	55-59 C-	50-54 D+	45-49 D	40-44 D-	0-39 F

If you experience any difficulty in this course, please do not hesitate to come to me for help. I am available not only during office hours but also by email and appointment. I am always happy to clarify difficult concepts, resolve any lingering confusion, or otherwise assist you in making this course enjoyable and rewarding.

## Determination of Grades

10 Sapling Quizzes (10 pts each)	20%	
Class Participation	5%	39 F

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*The schedule is subject to change with fair notice in class and on Canvas.*

### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	01/28	Introduction and Chapter 1, The Big Ideas
1	01/30	Chapter 2, The Power of Trade and Comparative Advantage, <b>(SAPLING) QUIZ 1</b>
2	02/04	Chapter 3, Supply and Demand

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<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>
15	05/06	Chapter 20, Continued, <b>QUIZ 11</b>
15	05/08	Chapter 21, Economics, Ethics, and Public Policy, <b>QUIZ 12</b>
16	05/13	Review for Final Exam
<b>16</b>	<b>05/15</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM – 9:45am – 12:00pm</b>