

YORK UNIVERSITY  
Faculty of LAPS  
Department of Economics  
AP/Econ 2300.03N, Winter 2020

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**Course Description** Studies how individuals, households, and firms make decisions given the incentives and constraints of their economic environment. Topics include consumer decision-making, production and costs, competitive equilibrium, and the role of prices in a market economy.

**Course Prerequisites:**

Prerequisites: AP/ECON 1000 3.00, AP/ECON 1010 3.00, and AP/ECON 1530 3.00, or equivalents.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: AP/ECON 1540 3.00.

Course credit exclusions: GL/ECON 3230 6.00.

**Required Textbook:** Hal R. Varian, *Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus*, Nelson, 2019. ISBN 978-0-393-68998-3.

OPTIONAL

Hal R. Varian, *Workouts in Intermediate Microeconomics*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, W.W. Norton & Company, 2010.

**Tests and Grades:** Midterm: 30% (February 28 (Friday), in class, 2 hours)

Final: 70% (2.5 hours)

Assignments (2): 0%

Note:

- If a student achieves higher marks in the final examination (which covers the entire term), the final examination will be worth 100%. Otherwise, the Final Grade will be determined according to  $0.3 \times \text{midterm} + 0.7 \times \text{final}$ .
- The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests\* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.) (For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - <http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/2010-2011/academic/index.htm>)
- The class notes posted on the course website serve as useful guidelines for exam preparation, regardless of textbook edition you choose to use.

**IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy webpage (see Reports, Initiatives, Documents) -

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012.pdf>

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation

Course ADD/Drop Deadlines: <http://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/>