

**ECON 1000-100**  
**Introduction to Economics**  
**Fall 2009**

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## **EXAMS**

I will not give any make up exams and will not give exams early. The only exception is for student athletes with scheduled events on the date of the exams. Please check into this immediately and let me know as soon as possible. I require a signed letter from your coach or the athletics department. To reiterate, there will be **no make up exams**, please do not ask. Take note! If you are planning on leaving town, do not schedule your trip on an exam date.

The format of the exams will be multiple choice questions. Please bring a #2 pencil and a **non-graphing** calculator to every exam. **Cell phone calculators are not be permitted.** The use of a graphing calculator or cell phone during an exam will result in the item being confiscated.

Midterm exams are not cumulative. Exams will cover **only** the material covered in lecture. Students are not responsible for material covered in the text that is not covered in lecture. **The final exam is cumulative** – this means you will be tested on the material from the entire semester.

**All exams, including the final exam, are held in the usual classroom.**

Exam Schedule

## RECITATION

The primary purpose of recitation is to increase your understanding of the material presented in lecture. TAs will briefly review the theory covered in lecture, followed by examples and practice problems. Recitation will be particularly helpful in preparing you for exams.

TAs will discuss their grading policies during the first class of recitation. Recitation grades may be comprised of in-class assignments, homework assignments, or quizzes.

Recitations begin the week of **August 31, 2009**.

<b>Recitation</b>				
<b>TA Name</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>
Yuchen Shao	111	8:00-8:50	T	DUAN G2B21
Paulo Saraiva	112	8:00-8:50	T	HUMN 145
Yuchen Shao	113	3:30-4:20	T	EDUC 231
Paulo Saraiva	114	5:00-5:50	T	ECON 13
Paulo Saraiva	115	8:00-8:50	R	HALE 236
Yuchen Shao	116	8:00-8:50	R	HLMS 177

## **HOMEWORK**

There will be FIVE homework assignments this semester.

### Due Dates

Homework 1: Thursday, September 10, 2009

Homework 2: Thursday, September 17, 2009

Homework 3: Thursday, October 15, 2009

Homework 4: Thursday, November 5, 2009

Homework 5: Tuesday, November 19, 2009

## **ARTICLE ANALYSIS**

To complete this assignment you must find a recent article (within the past year) from a newspaper or magazine (online sources are fine). Describe/analyze how the article relates to a concept you have learned through this course.

Your analysis should include:

1. A brief summary of the article.
2. An explanation of how the topic in the article relates to something you have learned in the course.
3. An explanation of the economic concept.

For example, consider an article that discusses the impact of rising oil prices on biofuels. Your discussion would explain that biofuels are a substitute for petroleum-based fuels and how a change in the price of oil would impact demand for biofuels. Your discussion could be extended by addressing how a change in the demand for corn used in the production of biofuels would impact the market price for corn.

Specifications for the Article Analysis: 1-2 pages, 1.5 spacing, 12 pt font. Please include a copy of the article.

You must conduct two article analyses throughout the semester. One must relate to the microeconomics portion of the course, while the second relates to the macroeconomic portion of the course.

**Microeconomic Article Analysis is DUE the Date of Midterm 2: October 22, 2009**

**Macroeconomic Article Analysis is DUE the Date of Midterm 3: December 3, 2009**

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

The following schedule is *tentative* and is subject to change. I will make announcements in class and on CULearn if any changes are made.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chapter(s)</b>
8/25	Introduction to Economics	1
8/27 - 9/3	Opportunity Cost and Trade	2, 3
9/8-15	Markets: Supply and Demand	4
9/17-22	Elasticity	5
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	
9/29	Welfare	7
10/1-6	Government Policies	6, 8
10/8	Costs of Production	12
10/13-15	Perfect Competition	13
10/20	Monopoly	14
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	
10/27, 29	National Income	15
11/3	Cost of Living	16
11/5	Unemployment	20
11/10-12	Saving and Investment	18
11/17-19, 12/1	Monetary and Fiscal Policy	
<b>12/3</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	
12/8	Review	
12/10	Current Events	
<b>12/12</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>	
	<b>Saturday 1:30pm – 4:30pm</b>	

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### Dates to Remember

<i>First day of class</i>	<i>August 25, 2009</i>
Homework 1	September 10, 2009
Homework 2	September 17, 2009
<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>September 24, 2009</b>
Homework 3	October 15, 2009
<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>October 22, 2009</b>
Homework 4	November 5, 2009
Homework 5	November 19, 2009
<i>Fall Break</i>	<i>November 23-27</i>
<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>December 3, 2009</b>
<i>Last day of class</i>	<i>December 10, 2009</i>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>December 12, 2009, Saturday, 1:30pm - 4:00pm</b>

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**Discrimination & Harassment Policy:**

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